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Bicycles Stolen; Thieves Escape

By JIM WENCK
Assoc. News Editor

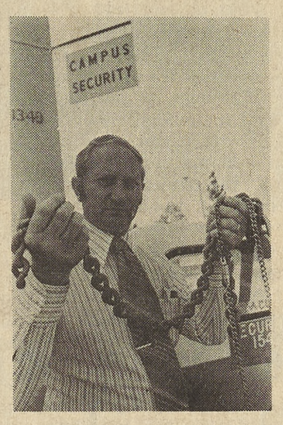
A highly organized ring of bicycle thieves has struck at Valley College. Last Friday, in broad daylight and with many people in the area, five bicycles were stolen from a rack in front of the Theater Arts Building, despite the fact that all were locked up with heavy guage chains.

According to Captain Wallace Gudzus of Campus Security, the bikes were stolen between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., a time when the area is usually filled with people walking to and from classes.

"It's amazing to me that no one saw who did it," said Gudzus. "I wish people would be more observant and call Security when they see anything suspicious happening."

A theory was advanced that perhaps the thieves were going from campus to campus in a hit-and-run manner. Valley's security alerted the other campuses to this possibility.

There is no good time for a theft, but these thieveries could not have come at a worse time for Orin Mitchell.



MARVIN HOPKINS
Security Officer
Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

Mitchell is a native of Guyana in South America. The government of Guyana thinks highly of his talent and ability in the field of cinematic arts. As a result, they are paying for his education here.

Mitchell arrived in this country in January with no friends or acquaintances. He was alone in a strange place. Through the efforts of Marjorie Reed, special counselor for foreign students, he was able to make a few friends. One of these friends was Owen Peters. Peters noticed how hard it was for Mitchell to get around the Van Nuys area. In order to help Mitchell and to be, in some small way, a good will ambassador, Peters loaned Mitchell a bicycle.

It just happened to be one of the ones stolen.

TRYING TO PREVENT the loss of his bicycle, a Valley student chains it to a bike rack. However, a number of bikes have been stolen in recent weeks, chains or not.
Valley Star Photo by Jim Kawata

Campus Center Fire Attributed to Smoker

By GREGORY J. WILCOX
Editor-in-Chief

Stage props stored in the basement of the Campus Center were damaged by fire and water late Tuesday afternoon.

Battalion Commander William P. Kearns of the Los Angeles Fire Department set the loss at $100 and attributed the cause to a careless smoker.

Kearns said that the basement area was filled by smoke and that it seeped up into the upper floors. About one-quarter inch of water covered the floor.

Fire Smoldered

Captain Jim E. McVicar of Engine Co. 102, located across the street from Valley, said the fire had probably been smoldering for three hours before it flared up and set off the automatic sprinkler head.

Security Officer Walter Arnold and Senior Custodian Jim Carter were the first college staff members to respond to the 6 p.m. alarm.

"When I arrived, I saw Carter check the lower level, so I took the upper area," Arnold said, "and when I got down to the basement, Carter was just closing the door

"The corridor was filled with smoke and he (Carter) said that some things had flamed up. That was when the automatic sprinkler went off."

Units Arrive

Three Fire Department units, Engine Co. 102, Task Force 60, and 39, responded to the call. The fire was contained in a 100'x24' concrete room that also contains audio-visual equipment and desks for the Study Skills Center. These were not damaged.

Captain Wallace V. Gudzus, chief of campus security, said the damage could have been worse.

"Just down the hall are the supplies for the Book Store and directly across the hall is the heating and air conditioning equipment. If the fire had spread there would have been a tremendous amount of damage," Gudzus said.

Equipment Works

Rocky Kukavina, Valley's plumbing foreman, said the automatic sprinkler equipment performed adequately.

"The alarm system worked just as it should, although one pump shut down because too much water was forced through the line," said Kukavina.

Theater arts people working on the set of upcoming plays weren't sure if anyone from their department had gone to the storage room during the day, but Gudzus said he saw a group taking props down into the basement around noon.

"People from the department were transporting a cart load of props around noon and 1 p.m., Gudzus said, "and they stored them in this (CC6) room."

AWAY FROM THE ACTION, a fireman extinguishes a smoldering mattress dragged from the basement of the Campus Center. The fire caused minor damage to theater props stored there and smoke penetrated the upper floors.
Valley Star Photo by Mark Malone

District Moves Enrollment Dates

By WM. L. CRAWFORD
City Editor

Due to a district ruling, all continuing students enrolling for fall semester classes are required to enroll between July 22 and Aug. 13.

Continuing students may obtain priority enrollment appointments according to a letter-day schedule between May 28 and June 12 as follows:

Tuesday, May 28	Hu-Le
Wednesday, May 29	Li-Mr
Thursday, May 30	Mu-Qu
Monday, June 3	Ra-Se
Tuesday, June 4	Sh-Tz
Wednesday, June 5	Ua-Zz
Thursday, June 6	Aa-Bo
Monday, June 10	Br-Da
Tuesday, June 11	De-Ga
Wednesday, June 12	Ge-Hr

In the event that a student is unable to enroll at the time of his appointment during the summer, he is allowed to arrange a proxy to enroll for him. If possible, the administration requests that the designated proxy should be another student who is acquainted with enrollment procedures.

John M. Lee, assistant dean of admission and guidance, said, "They feel downtown that it's more convenient to operate if, as near as possible, all the eight colleges were on the same schedule as far as enrollment and application dates are concerned.

"They have one computer base for eight colleges, and they feel they can handle state reports and so on more easily by standardization of enrollment. It is also felt that the district will be able to act more efficiently in terms of tax dollars," Lee said.

Lee added, "The new system allows the office of instruction more time to plan the schedule so that it's more closely related to the students needs and more accurate.

"Prior to the change, the office of instruction had to plan the fall schedule nearly a whole year in advance."

In support of this, Dr. John L. Reiter, dean of admissions and guidance, said, "A year ago, we had 89 class cancelations. That's quite a few, and part of the reason for that was bad planning, in my opinion."

Reiter and Lee felt that the new enrollment system has some advantages other than the improvement of class schedule planning, such as the fact that the student doesn't have to enroll before he sees his final grades, there will be more time to plan summer and fall curriculum since the enrollment dates will not be so close to one another, confusion will be eliminated, and the students will have plenty of time to see a counselor before planning their schedules.

Summer 1974 session enrollment appointments may be arranged for continuing day or evening students according to the following schedule:

May 20	Aa-Ez
May 21	Fa-Ly
May 22	Ma-Rz
May 23	Sa-Zz

The appointments may be obtained in the administration building beginning Monday, May 20, to Thursday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Appointments may be obtained Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Those students failing to obtain enrollment appointments on their designated day may do so at any later day until June 5.

New Offices Placed On Election Ballot

By MIKE HUDSON
Asst. Fine Arts Editor

The Associated Students Council Tuesday placed on the May general election ballot a motion to establish an office for commissioner of nursing studies. If approved, a special election would be called to fill the position.

The office is designed to provide better communication between Council and 300 nursing students, as well as to establish and maintain a campus health center. If created, the office becomes a part of the school's constitution, and the first commissioner would take office next semester.

Applications Ready

Applications for office are available today in CC 108. All petitions are due by Thursday, May 2, at noon in CC100. Eligibility requirements include the following: 1. Be a paid member of Associated Students. 2. Have at least a 2.0 grade point average in all courses completed at Valley. 3. Have at least a 2.0 average in mid-term grades this semester. 4. Carry and pass a minimum of eight units this semester with a 2.0 average or better. 5. Enroll for at least eight units next semester. 6. No person may seek the office of president after completing the necessary requirements for an A.A. degree.

Voting will be May 13-16. Except for Thursday, when it will be from 9 a.m. to noon, voting runs from 9 a.m. to 2 pm

Associated Men Students President Jim Wenck introduced a motion that the AS. give two $100 scholarships to deserving students each semester. The scholarship money will come from pinball machine profits at Valley. Determination of the scholarship winners each semester will depend upon the commissioner of scholastic activities. Eligibility for them would be based upon academic standing and financial need.

Book Available

Manuscript 19, a publication of the English Department, is now available. The book contains writings done by students in the department and is free to all students with a paid I.D.

The first annual Chicano Week occurs at Valley from April 29 to May 3. The week of tribute to Chicanos features exhibits, plays performed in Spanish, ballets, fashion show, speakers, and a host of other entertainment of special interest to Chicano students. Cesar Chavez will speak at the field house directly across from the Men's Gym at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 2.

Helping commemorate Valley's 25th anniversary celebration, an alumni tea for all graduates still on Valley's mailing list will be held on May 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Chicano Week Set Monday; Speeches, Programs Planned

By ROBYN L. REIMER
Staff Writer

Valley College's first Chicano Week, expressing the culture through the use of exhibits, shows, and lectures, is scheduled from April 29 through May 3, said Gerardo Perez, commissioner of Chicano ethnic studies.

A speaker for Chicano Week is Cesar Chavez, Chicano labor leader. He will speak on Thursday, May 2, at 10 a.m. in the field house. Perez said the field house was chosen for security reasons.

"The main objective of Chicano Cultural Week is to show everybody a little of our culture," said Perez.

"Chicano Week would best be timed around the historic holiday Cinco de Mayo," Perez said, "for it is honoring the culture and the mood is right."

A series of week-long events are scheduled as follows:

Monday: A week-long Art Exhibit, "Chicano for Creative Art," from California State University at Northridge, will be in the library. A play, "El Amor Siempre Gana (Love Always Wins), performed by Polytechnic High School Spanish Department.

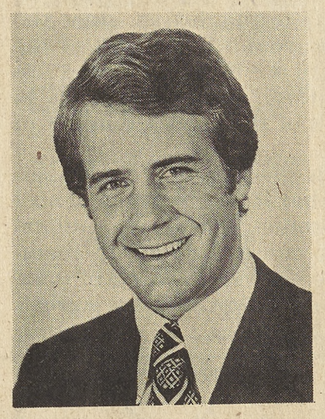
Tuesday: Ballet Folklorico Mexicano, performing in Monarch Hall at 11 a.m. Cultural Fashion Show (Tuesday and Wednesday) by Latin students in Monarch Hall at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Films, "Day of the Dead" and "Mexico, the Frozen Revolution," at 10 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Fashion Show.

Thursday: Burt Corona speaks on "The Chicano Struggle To Retain Culture in the U.S.," scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Free Speech Area.

Friday: Ozcar Meza's orchestra at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall.

"I urge all students to attend the cultural festivities, for it will be an inspiring and educational experience," Perez said.



JACK McGRATH
Assembly Candidate

Democratic Hopeful To Speak Today

Campaign reform will be one of the many topics discussed today at 11 a.m. in CC201 by Jack McGrath, candidate for the Assembly in the 40th District. His speech is sponsored by the Young Democrats.

To prevent campaign frauds, McGrath proposes a Fair Campaign Code. The main provision of the code provides for public financing of all elections to insure responsible legislation that benefits all citizens. Legislators making decisions based on who gave them campaign donations caused McGrath to propose the code.

Born on Aug. 6, 1945, in Jamaica, Long Island, McGrath has been a resident of the San Fernando Valley for over two decades. He graduated from California State University at Northridge with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

While living in the Valley, McGrath has been active in government service. His service includes serving as congressional field representative for Congressman James Corman (D-27th District) and as executive director for the California Non-Partisan Voter Registration Foundation.

College News Briefs

Credit Available

Students wishing to earn an extra unit of credit at this time in the semester may do so by enrolling in Environmental Studies 1.

The course offers day or evening classes with Environmental Science 4 during the day. Students may sign up in the Admissions Office or see Professor Cyrus Kirshner in E104.

Safari Narrated

A slide lecture titled "African Safari" will be presented by Professor George Stuart in MS109 at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30. Lectures in the Earth Science Department series are open to all.

Comedy Film Screens

"The Overcoat," a comedy film based on a story by Nicolai Gogol, will be presented Thursday, April 25, at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall. The film stars Renato Rascel, described by critics as "a chaplinesque clown who alternates passages of high comedy with magnificent pathos."

Seminar Held

The Medical Science Club invites all Valley students to attend a smoking seminar today at 11 a.m. in BSc104. During the seminar, representatives of the Shick Control Center, San Fernando Valley Free Clinic, Seventh Day Adventists, and American Cancer Society will give their rationale behind methods used in their clinics and workshops.

Professor Registers Students

John Buchanan, professor of speech, will be in front of the flag pole from 11-12 daily to register students to vote until Friday, May 5.

Papers Wanted

Students are reminded to make deposits of newspapers and magazines in the paper bin, located on the corner of Oxnard and Ethel. Deposits may be made at any time.

Valley Blood Drive Proves Successful

By ROBYN L. REIMER
Staff Writer

The community responsibility for donating blood was exemplified by Valley students and staff who appeared in Monarch Hall last Monday in the morning and in the late afternoon and evening.

Head Nurse Judy Walsh said, "It's always a problem for students to be able to donate blood because of class time."

The bloodmobile proved that it was most convenient for students and staff to donate blood in the morning, according to the early morning statistics of 23 students at 10, 19 students at 11, and 27 students at noon.

Ms. Walsh said that there was no problem with students changing their minds in the process of giving blood.

"They all went through with it," Ms. Walsh said.

The quota allotted for the bloodmobile at Valley last Monday was 180 pints of blood. The quotas are set according to the number of beds present.

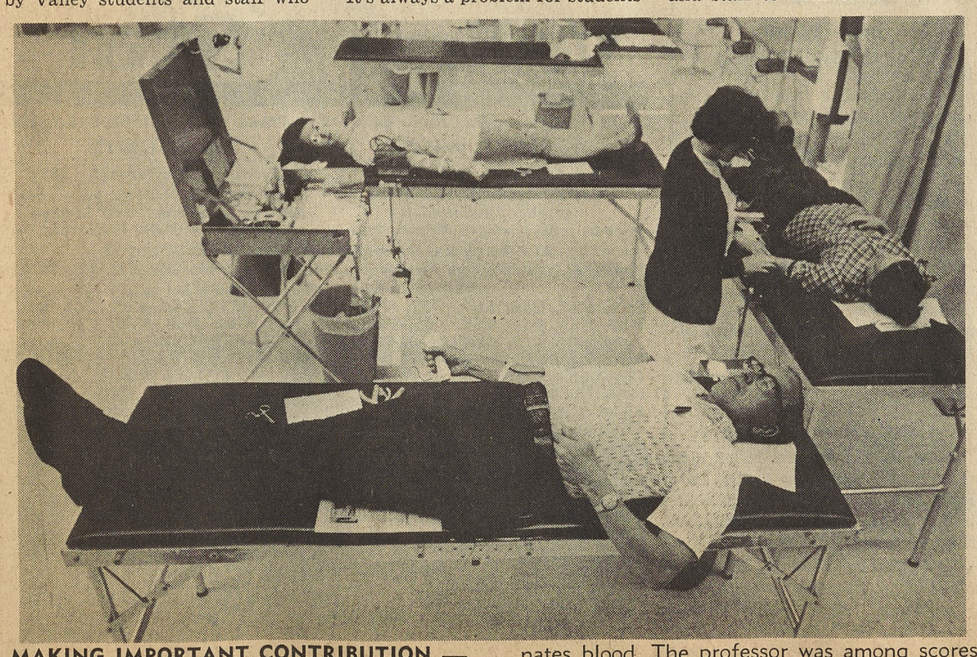
The facilities were adequate for the quota set for by 12:30, Ms. Walsh said, 106 pints have been donated so far.

David Heimann, assistant coordinator of the blood drive said, "Valley received 175 pints of blood, the most Valley has ever obtained."

Steve Pepper, student, said, "I'm very impressed with myself because I never thought I could do it. I always thought there was someone else to do it."

Another Valley student who said she was apprehensive, as well as frightened, was doing it because she knew it was a good thing.

Students donating their blood, said Ms. Walsh, are able to continue their normal activities, except for strenuous ones, such as back-packing.



MAKING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION — John Buchanan, Valley professor of speech, studies Monarch Hall surroundings as he donates blood. The professor was among scores of donors who supplied 175 pints of blood to the bloodmobile at Valley College on Monday.
Valley Star Photo by Peter Brandt

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STAR EDITORIALS

Vote 'Yes' for State Political Reform

We are convinced that government "by the people" will develop when voter turnout on the local level is substantially more than the usual 35 percent. An apathetic public must share some guilt in the two-year parade of political scandals which have fostered lack of confidence in our democratic system.

We are equally certain that government "for the people" will arise from this seeming chaos if California will set an example for the nation by voting in favor of the Political Reform Act which will appear as Proposition 9 on the June primary ballot.

This act requires full disclosure of contributions and expenditures of $50 or more in state and local elections and places a ceiling on spending for statewide elections and ballot measure campaigns.

Such limits might hopefully end those costly, uninformative TV commercials which leave the public wondering if they are viewing a man who has the new dry look, offers a Tiparillo to a lady, or aspires to be governor.

The Political Reform Act also ends conflict of interest by requiring annual financial statements of lawmakers and preventing them from voting on matters in which they have a personal financial stake.

Opponents of the measure claim it runs roughshod over business which, we agree, plays an indispensable part in California's economy. However, this act provides only for the disclosure of contributions without placing any limit on the amount coming from business interests.

In this way, business will get no better break at the legislative level than the average man who contributes more of his income percentage-wise in tax dollars than any corporation.

The act also prohibits lobbyists from arranging contributions and making gifts to an elected official of more than $10 per month.

We recognize the value of lobbying which stems from the constitutional right to petition the government. Lobbyists bring to light both sides of complex issues which lawmakers cannot efficiently research themselves. But all should lobby on the basis of merit, not money.

With industrialists testifying to threats against companies not able to raise the contribution goals set by campaign officials, the public has become increasingly aware of graft in the modern form of campaign shakedowns. They have begun to feel helpless as interest groups get a hammerlock on the people's representatives.

But the people still possess a most effective weapon against corruption in government. Star urges ciitzens to use this weapon and vote in favor of Proposition 9. This proposition represents the first serious attempt to inject some openness and honesty into election financing in this country.

Double Summer Session Urged

Establishing two six-week summer school sessions at Valley would enable a student to complete 12 units, almost a full semester's work, over the summer. The current schedule of one six-week session allows a student to complete a maximum of six units.

A double summer session, the second session starting in August, may appeal to students in a hurry to get to the university of their choice, university students wanting to fulfill general education requirements, veterans whose education allotment is running out, students who would prefer to vacation in the winter or spring, housewives whose children go to camp the latter part of the summer.

Currently, there are no second session classes available on the community college level. The only nearby end-of-summer classes are offered by California State University at Northridge. Two sessions of three-week classes are scheduled to follow their regular six-week session. The price is $30 per unit, which isn't affordable or practical for all community members.

Valley presently does not have a double session because the administration has not received "a definite indication" that many students or community members would want to attend a second session.

Perhaps a desire is present, but communication is lacking. Star suggests that all students interested in a double session express this interest to Jack Neblett, dean of instruction. The administration has stated that they are open to suggestions concerning summer scheduling. However, interest expressed now would actually pertain to implementing the program in the summer of 1975, since the classes and funding are planned so far in advance.

A second session can be added with "no additional cost" to the district, since the administration would divide part of the allotted funds to the first and second sessions in "whatever proportion seems to meet the needs of the largest number of students."

Star supports the idea of a double session, in view that it would utilize school facilities year-round, provide educational opportunity to more community members, perhaps ease overcrowding in some classes, and would allow students a greater scheduling leeway.

Proposition 9 cuts the tie that binds

VALLEY FORGE

High Court Negates Privacy Guarantees

GREGORY J. WILCOX
Editor-in-Chief

Wielding an awesome legislative scythe, the Nixon Administration has cut a wide swathe through the populace's field of private entities.

It has been a subtle reaping. The administration's problem and foreign policy accomplishments overshadowing the privacy harvest, but the total is alarming.

The obituary files reads like a "Who's Who" of America's most cherished, innate rights.

Among the first to fall was the right to pick your friends and express your feelings. If you spoke unkindly of the administration or associated with someone who did, and were a person of consequence (wealthy) you ended up on a White House list. And it wasn't the one for a dinner invitation.

Next to fall was the home. It seems that a government agency couldn't do as good a job as they wanted with most Americans secure behind their front doors, so the no-knock legislation came into being.

This means that if a citizen is suspected of hoarding a prodigious amount of contraband, government agencies don't have to extend the courtesy of knocking before they open the front door. As a result some families thought they were being set upon by a band of thugs. It was only after the ropes came off and their homes had been wrecked that federal agents identified themselves as such.

Justice prevailed though, and the offending agents were bound to stand trial.

They were acquitted of any wrong-doing.

Then the police were given the green light to search a person's car if they were stopped for a traffic violation.

Now the bank book is suspect.

Recently the Supreme Court decided to uphold the constitutionality of federal regulations requiring banks to report certain transactions of depositors.

According to Bank Secrecy Act of 1970, banks must report to the Treasury all domestic transactions of $10,000 and foreign transactions exceeding $5,000.

The high court rejected a challenge to this provision by the California Bankers Assn. and Congressman Fortney H. Stark Jr. (D-Calif.).

I suppose most Americans feel that how they spend their money is nobody's business but theirs.

The Bank Secrecy Act, through its scope to touch the citizenry, provides a temptation for possible abuse by overzealous government employees "checking up on dissenters."

To stem the government tide, U.S. Senator Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) is sponsoring the "Right to Financial Privacy Act" (S.B. 2200).

Congressman Stark has introduced an identical bill in the House.

Cranston, a member of the Senate Banking Committee, said his legislation would give a depositor the right to a judicial determination that probable cause exists before the government can obtain access to his financial records.

"My bill makes clear that a bank cannot surrender a depositor's to the government without the depositor's consent or obtaining a proper warrant," Cranston said.

It is time for the government to cease its encroachment into the private lives of the American people.

REFLECTIONS

Students Show Ambivalence Toward New Sexual Morality

DALE FINK
Managing Editor

(Editor's Note: This is the sixth and concluding colmun discussing various aspects of living together.)

The New Breed was born in 1965 as college students began their search for a new morality. The "moral revolution" was on!

By 1966 Time magazine was writing about the "Free Sex Movement—Its Growth on Campuses," and headlining Mademoiselle was "Next: A Sleep In? Birth Control in Colleges."

Amidst the campus activism and political unrest of the 1968-69 years the "new morality" battle waged on and the "New Ideology of Love" emerged.

At the end of 1969 the U.S. News and World Report had proclaimed the "Goal of the New Left; Down With Everything," including the old traditional sexual morality.

Past college students have fought and won the "moral revolution," providing a greater variety of acceptable lifestyles to choose from. Defining proper "morality" has ceased to be a community "issue" and is now left to the individual to decide as a matter of personal choice.

The campus mood around Valley seems to reflect this change. A random sampling of students were asked whether they favored living together or marriage as their preferred lifestyle, and their feelings toward both.

There is no longer a stigma placed on people deciding to live together. Many students viewed living together as a logical stage between going together and marriage.

"I can't see marrying someone —planning to spend the rest of your life with someone—that you don't know as well as possible. As the saying goes, "You don't thoroughly know a person until you have lived with them'," said a girl presently living with her boyfriend.

She plans to be married this summer "as much, if not more so, for the happiness of my parents than for my own happiness," she said.

Marriage seems still as popular as ever, with 173,563 California couples being married last year. Divorce is popular also—111,162 in the state in 1973. "If more people lived together and faced their relationship honestly before jumping blindly into marriage, there would be a lot less divorces," said a student.

"Of course, there would be a lot less marriages also. Marriage isn't for everybody," he added.

A woman attending Valley said she was happy and relieved that her two daughters chose marriage. "Girls today, under the impression that they are 'liberated women,' think they don't need the security and lasting bond that a marriage creates.

"Living together can be fun while a girl is in her 20's, but when she turns 30 and her man begins looking at younger girls, she will be sorry that, in the name of 'individual freedom,' a permanent bond was never created. She will find herself alone.

"Marriage has been, and always will be, the most rewarding lifelong relationship for a girl," she said.

Offering another opinion, a couple living together said, "Marriage is society's way of bringing people out of the youth culture and into the adult world. Marriage puts you in the mainstream of society, if that's where you want to be," they said.

Although ideologies concerning various lifestyles have changed, the nationwide median age of couples going to the altar has not changed in 35 years—age 20 for the bride and 23 for the groom.

LETTERS

Book Disappearance Blasted by Student

Editor:

I was astounded this week when I went to the bookstore to purchase **The Communist Manifesto** and **The Thoughts of Chairman Mao.**

At first I searched on my own, to no avail. Then I asked a salesperson. The response was something like, "in here?"

I don't understand how a student can possibly understand, much less be in favor of or against, communism without having read at least one of these two books. It would seem that students of history, philosophy, especially political science and economics, should be acutely aware of a socio-economic-political system which organizes and provides for more people than any other system in the world.

When the bookstore salespeople said neither book had been asked for in nearly a year, I had to wonder, what are professors thinking about in their ordering of texts? Is everybody afraid of some pro-commie reputation? Aren't there any students who would be interested in much material?

Shouldn't these books be available for purchasing to offset some of the slanted views of American and World History one might receive from other books available there?

Toby Norback

FEATURE THIS

Valley Wizards Flip to First in Pinball Tourney

By JANET SVENDSEN
Feature Editor

The hubbub in the conference room of the Valley cafeteria was almost earsplitting. An unsteady crescendo of shouts and cries filled the room as about 60 students, many of them standing on a row of tables to get a better view, rooted zealously for Spanish Eyes, Gulfstream, Pro Football, or Jumping Jack. Race horses? Wrong. Rock bands? Wrong again. They were pinball machines!

The intrepid Valley College pinball team flipped its way to victory last Thursday when it competed with teams from Pierce College, UCLA, and California State University, Northridge in the second annual LAVC "World Pinball Championship," sponsored by the Associated Men Students. An invitational, double - elimination tournament, this event generated a rare outpouring of enthusiasm from the student spectators who attended.

In last year's pinball tournament (initiated by Bill Nelson, AMS president that spring semester), Pierce defeated Valley. As defending champs, the T-shirted Pierce "Pinball Wizards" returned this year only to take second place in the competition, with UCLA placing third. A playoff between Pierce and Valley resulted in a 117,990 point margin of victory for the home team; Pierce emerged with 436,460 points and Valley surpassed that with 554,450 points.

Jim Wenck, AMS president and organizer of this year's tournament, said that he invited other colleges "within a reasonable driving distance" to compete. "Teams from Loyola and Pepperdine were supposed to be here, but they did not show up," he said.

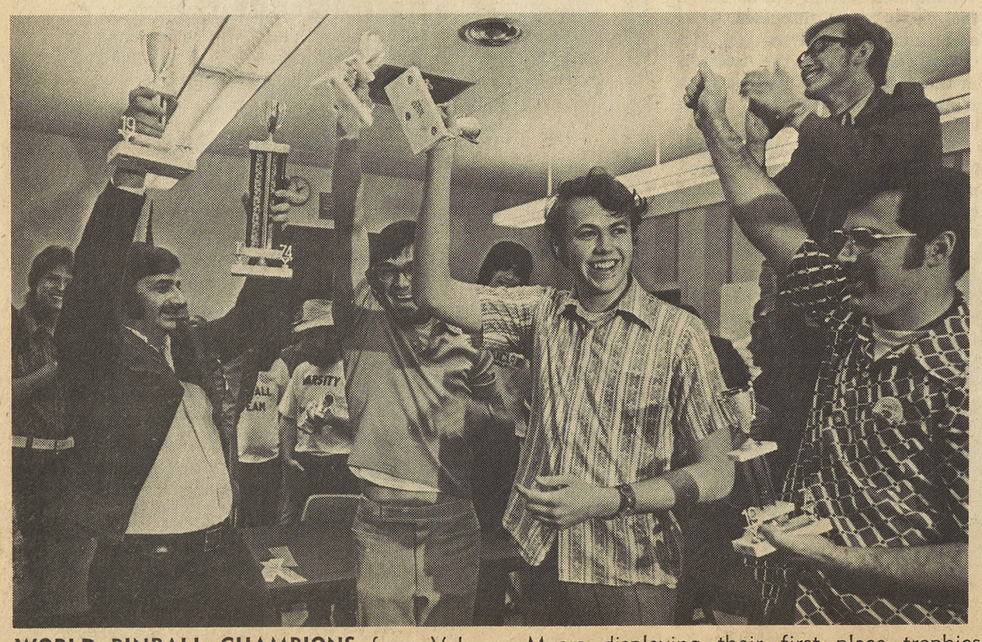
Points Tallied

Last week's Championship followed the same guidelines as the one conducted a year ago. Four pinball machines were operated in the tournament and a pinball team consisted of four players. It was ruled that only one person could play on a machine at a time. Each team member had to play three games, or one round. After every round, the points on all four machines were tallied on a nearby chalkboard by Bruno Cicotti, coordinator of student activities. Naturally, to accumulate the greatest number of points was the object of the match.

NBC Recorded Action

After the final scores rolled into their proper slots, the Valley College pinball team members were hailed with jubilant cheering as they accepted their first place silver trophies from Wenck. The supple-wristed foursome included Lee Nightingale, Greg Myers, Mike Stein, and Mark Ruzik.

Wenck later said that funds for the trophies came from AMS funds. "I put this event on for less than $70," he commented.



WORLD PINBALL CHAMPIONS from Valley's winning team, left to right, are Mike Stein, Mark Ruzik, Lee Nightingale, and Greg Myers displaying their first place trophies won at the second annual LAVC "World Pinball Championship" last Thursday.

MARK RUZIK intently gazes as the pinball machine lights up, bringing him to victory!

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WHETHER TO PAY THE PRICE of unionization for salary increases is pondered by a group of Valley professors. The consensus is that some sort of collective bargaining bill will become effective soon.

Valley Star Photo by Peter Brandt

Young Democrats Slate Forum Featuring Primary Candidates

By GREG ROBERTS
Staff Writer

A month-long series of speeches and forums featuring Democratic Party candidates is slated for May at Valley, Debra L. Tuller, chairwoman of the Valley Young Democrats, said.

Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti of Van Nuys, seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, is tentatively scheduled to speak at Valley on May 8, Ms. Tuller announced at the YD's weekly meeting held last Tuesday.

"We also plan to have the other Democratic candidates for governor, including Secretary of State Jerry Brown, San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto, businessman William Roth and Los Angeles County Supervisor Baxter Ward, come to Valley at some point during the month of May," Ms. Tuller added.

In addition to candidates seeking the governorship, Democrats running for other state and local offices will also be offered a platform.

"Our purpose is not to endorse any particular Democratic Party candidate, at least during the primary elections," Jerry Bandel, vice-president of the Valley's YD's, stated. "We don't make endorsements, but we do give out information and provide a forum for the candidates."

Donald E. Schmidt, professor of history and political science, is the YD's faculty sponsor.

"Like any urban Democratic Club, ours is going to be predisposed towards liberalism," Schmidt said. "But it is open to all Democrats, and everyone is welcome."

Schmidt also pointed out that the YD's are planning some social occasions.

"We're a political group where people can make friends over cookies and punch, and not just hand out leaflets or listen to speakers," said Schmidt.

New Members Invited

Volunteers, Schmidt stressed, are always encouraged to attend the YD's meetings and get involved as members.

"We're looking for responsible, mature men and women to be part of a campus club that presents sound and capable speakers, instead of those who appeal to demogogic emotionalism," Schmidt explained.

"Extremism is not the issue today," Schmidt also pointed out. "The issue is honesty and competence in government."

Peg Foster, A.S. chief justice, explained why she is a YD member.

"I am looking for an honest politician to work for, and I think I might find one in the Democratic Party because I certainly never found one in the Republican Party," Ms. Foster said.

Valley YD's are kept busy outside the campus club. Ms. Foster is also the treasurer of Tau Alpha Epsilon, the student honorary society.

Issues Explored

Ms. Tuller, YD chairwoman, is also the youth coordinator for Marty Altman, a candidate for State Assembly in the 40th District. The main issues are the economic, energy, and the corruption crisis, Ms. Tuller explained.

On the subject of Watergate, most of the YD's interviewed said that if President Nixon is going to be impeached, the Congress should do it now instead of dragging the issue longer.

Other Democrats invited to Valley include Tom Krantz, Blase Bonpane, Thomas Reece, and Jack Yohanna, Ms. Tuller concluded.

Planetarium Show Clarifies Startling Causes of UFO's

By STAN SPERLING
Copy Editor

Recently, many people have called police stations, claiming that they have seen a UFO. The caller is usually informed that the matter will be investigated, or he is advised to take two aspirin and lie down.

To preserve people's sanity, not all flying objects are unidentified. Anthony Pabon, planetarium lecturer, discussed many IFO's during this month's planetarium show.

Pabon explained that people classify a flying object as unidentified when they have no knowledge about the object or if they cannot describe what they saw. For example, the sun's atmosphere causes Venus to dance. Many people think that a "dancing" Venus is a UFO, including some professional astronomers, Pabon said. He added that some shapes of constellations also are considered as UFO's by some people.

Russia Launches Satellite

In 1957, Russia launched Sputnik I, the first satellite to travel in space. Because of its small size, Sputnik I could not be seen from Earth. As a result, astronomers could only trace Sputnik I through its radio signals, Pabon said.

Shortly after Sputnik I returned to Earth, the Russian space program "went to the dogs." Sputnik II contained the first living creature to go into space, a dog named Lika. Pabon explained that Sputnik II proved that man could survive in space.

To begin their moon project, Ranger and Surveyor spacecrafts were launched by the United States to investigate possibilities of landing on the moon. In addition, the Ranger series determined that plant and insect life may exist on the moon, Pabon said.

Apollo was not the first attempt to land men on the moon. Many years ago, Jung Ho, Chinese philosopher, strapped rockets on his back and departed for the moon. Unfortunately, he never arrived there and was never heard from again.

Skylab Ignored

Pabon said that Skylab was the most important space project for colonization of the universe. However, with all its importance, little attention was paid to it.

Other spacecrafts have been launched to explore other planets. For example, Mariner IX recently orbited Mars and sent back a record 7,320 photographs of the planet, approximately 4,000 additional pictures than astronomers predicted, Pabon said. He added that Mariner IX was lucky to arrive during a dust storm because studies of dust storms are necessary for the colonization of Mars.

Pabon said that a major event of space travel will occur on July 4, 1976, when the spacecraft Viking will land on Mars. The spacecraft will determine whether life is possible on Mars, Pabon explained.

Space Effort Undertaken

Approximately one year before Viking, a joint effort of space travel will be undertaken by the United States and Russia. Pabon expressed hope that the joint effort will accomplish a very important goal.

Teachers Ponder Merits Of Collective Bargaining

By DANIEL L. STRICKLAND
Staff Writer

Valley College teachers were given a chance to voice their opinions or present ideas to improve on the existing system of coalition collective bargaining in a meeting last Thursday at 11 a.m. in BSc100.

"I'm convinced that we are going to have a collective bargaining bill in effect soon," said Ethel Jorgensen of the Business Department, "and we should decide what kind of bill we should have."

Mrs. Jorgensen gave an outline of the bill introduced to the State Assembly by Assemblyman Bob Moretti. The bill (No. 1243) has been approved by the Assembly and is in the State Senate.

According to Mrs. Jorgensen, the bill will give teachers the right to form, join, or assist any employee organization to represent the teachers in contract negotiations with the Board of Trustees.

Agency Shop Possible

At present, according to Mrs. Jorgensen, the teacher's only tool for negotiation is the Winton Act.

"The Winton Act," said Dr. Arnold Fletcher of the History Department, "provides that all teacher organizations negotiate as a single unit, but the board does not have to reach any agreement with the bargaining agents."

If the Moretti bill were to pass, it would organize the teachers into an agency shop, allowing the teachers to join the designated teacher organization or pay a service fee equal to the union dues, according to Mrs. Jorgensen.

"Teachers would have to sign a payroll card allowing for the deduction of the fee," said Mrs. Jorgensen. If a teacher did not allow for the payroll deduction, he would have to be dismissed under the Moretti bill.

In the event of no suitable agreement, the bill provides the teachers the right to strike and the Board of Trustees can "lock out employees" if they feel that teacher demands are too great.

"If the teachers felt they were not properly represented," said Mrs. Jorgensen, "they could petition for recall of the representing body."

"We don't have collective bargaining now," said Dr. Fletcher, "we have collective begging."

When Dr. Fletcher spoke of problems faced by teachers in choosing textbooks, Sarah De La Vega of the Foreign Language Department stated that she had felt no infringement on her choice of textbooks or on how she taught her classes.

Many of the teachers expressed sentiments in favor of strengthening the present Winton Act in lieu of forming the "agency shop union" called for in the Moretti bill.

Money Wields Power

"If the Moretti bill is passed," Mrs. Jorgensen said, "everyone is required to pay sums of money to the certified organization, and it becomes extremely powerful because of the hugh sums of money available from union dues."

"Not only can leaders be payed well, but they can wield power by using funds to support candidates they wish to support," added Mrs. Jorgensen.

In answer to Mrs. Jorgensen's statement, Dr. Fletcher later said, "We would be prohibited by law from using union funds to support lobbyist or to finance candidates in federal elections, but the money could be used on a local level.

"The dues would be used to pay lawyers and professional mediators," Dr. Fletcher added.

Leaders Change

"The teachers will only change leaders," said Mrs. Jorgensen, "from the Board of Trustees to union leaders and in fact this will be a labor union."

Dr. Fletcher also addressed a group of Valley members of the Student California Teachers Association last Tuesday.

"We, as faculty, ought to be sure that we are willing to pay the price, and the loss of freedom is a high price to pay for a salary increase," said Mrs. Jorgensen.

Senior Citizens' Day To Feature Variety

By BONNIE JOAN DALE
Staff Writer

Valley will be the first community college in the district to have a Senior Citizens Center.

"This is a brand new program," said Lois Hamer, program director, "and it illustrates the college's effort to meet the mandate it has from the district to serve, educationally, all people over 18."

Long and short term goals are set by a Community Advisory Committee consisting of people from various agencies and groups in the community.

"Short term goals," said Ms. Hamer, "are educaitonal programs in the area of nutrition, health services, a hot line primarily geared to health education, and a unique referral program with follow-through."

The first activity is Senior Citizen's Day on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Men's Gym.

"We are expecting 1,500 people," Ms. Hamer said.

Gymnasts

There will be gymnasts, Scottish dancers, a choral group, the Jocelyn Players, and informal dancing. Lunch will also be served.

The new program is in addition to the exisiting Gold Card Program which admits senior citizens to all college functions in the same way that an I.D. card does.

Some of the existing classes are in art, dancerize, (dance and exercise), community chorus, knitting, gourmet cooking, and home care and repair.

"If there are enough people interested in forming a particular class, we try and provide a teacher, Ms. Hamer said.

One of the long term goals is to establish a permanent Senior Citizens Center on campus where classes could be held and a hot line located.

Life Walk For Jewish Week Set

An informal conversation and a walk for life highlight Jewish Awareness Week, running through April 28. Activities for the week are sponsored by Ami Gordon, commissioner of Jewish ethnic studies, in conjunction with the Zionist Youth Alliance, Jewish Studies Department, and Hillel Council.

"The Goy Around Us" is the title of the informal conversation taking place today at 11 a.m. in BSc-101, Zev Garber, chairman of the Jewish Studies Department, and Farrell Broslawsky, member of the Jewish studies faculty, will lead the conversation.

Garber explained that the conversation will be divided into two parts.

"During my part of the program," said Garber, "I will speak about a revival for non-Jews who accuse Jewish people of grouping together. By this methods, I hope that this group will become human beings.

"As for Broslawsky, he will urge all Jews to unite and be concerned with freedom and destruction."

To help the State of Israel, the Jewish Federation Council is sponsoring a 20-kilometer walk from Ranch Park on Sunday, April 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Walkers will collect money per amount of kilometers walked.

Immediately following the walk, a carnival will take place at Rancho Park.

Sixty students from various schools have volunteered to stay in Israel during the summer and help, Garber said. Included in the total are 40 students attending Valley. Garber attributed this number to the success of the Jewish studies program.

Last week's activities of Jewish Awareness Week were highly successful, Gordon said. For example, there were no spaces left for the holocaust presentation by Jay Bender, multi-media artist, and for the film "Night and Fog."

Gordon added that the main feature of last week's activities was many people of different faiths attending them.

Black Students Gather, Form State Coalition

Los Angeles Valley College's Black Student Union successfully organized the first "BSU" United Conference, which took place last weekend on Claremont College grounds in Oldenburg Hall's conference room.

The number of colleges attending was less than expected, but the 12 colleges that were present had an attendance of more than 50 representatives. The colleges present were from Ventura, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Antonio, Los Angeles Valley, Antelope Valley, and Santa Monica.

The young Black students came determined to form a coalition of Black Student Unions throughout California and to implement programs that would assist Blacks on and off the campus.

The programs discussed were tutoring, financial aid information, counseling individually and extensively, lectures, study aids, and the institution of an information center which would serve the community and the student.

The conference adopted the name of "BSU Jama" which means Black Student Union Family.

All workshops, group meetings, and summary sessions were executed in such an orderly manner that the conference accomplished all that was intended.

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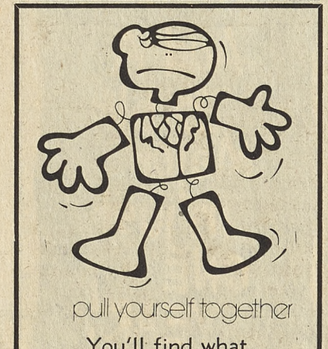

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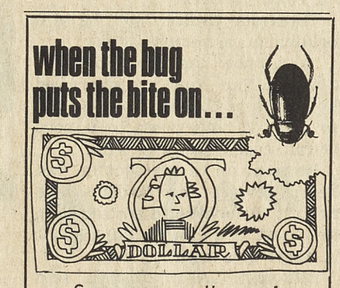

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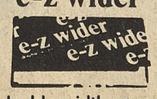

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Boulevard Cruisers Lose Ground

Clubs 'Cruise Cool;' No Parking Posted

By GREGORY J. WILCOX
Editor-in-Chief

A tale told to newcomers along the boulevard concerns a Hoosier who, thinking he had a hot car, towed it from his native Indiana to make the Wednesday night run along Van Nuys Boulevard searching out a worthy opponent for a street race.

The story could be true or maybe it has been embellished by a youth conscious of the charismatic appeal which has institutionalized a Southern California street.

From such meager beginnings legends grow.

Territories Staked

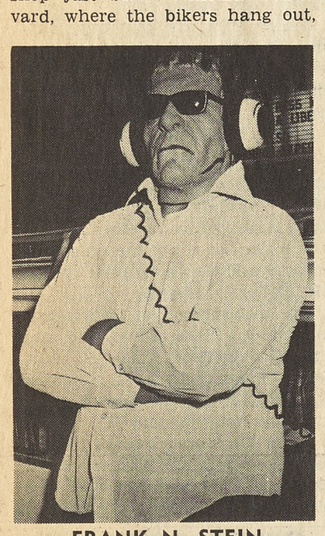
A pecking order exists, either by design or out of necessity, with clubs or those driving the same kind of vehicle staking out parking territories along the street. Sometimes the dividing line is easily distinguished by a line of vans giving way to a string of low slung, brightly painted sedans.

Other times club boundaries are as vague as the lines between dusk and darkness with the people breaking off according to social interest or athletic preference.

But regardless, everyone making the Wednesday night run a habit share a common bond.

They all are cruisers.

At least that is what some say they are and when they make a run from June Ellen's doughnut shop just below Ventura Boulevard, where the bikers hang out,



FRANK N. STEIN
Monster Cruiser
Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

to the turn around point between Roscoe Boulevard and Parthenia, they call the stop and go pace maintained "cruising."

But part of the charm that draws so many to the street is parking and hanging out around the cars pulling off innocuous high jinks, trading tales, and talking cars.

Drag Queen Cruises

"There she goes," said a man leaning against his car with a pair of earphones sitting atop his head, "that's the drag queen."

He referred to a blonde driving a Nova, who, he said, had been immortalized in print as the "Queen of Van Nuys Boulevard."

She said her name was Tricia and she was in love with the street and Wednesday night.

"Hell," the one wearing headphones said, "you're here every night."

"No," Tricia said, "I only come here about three nights a week."

She said her infatuation was due in part to the people she met, and "What else is there to do on Wednesday night?"

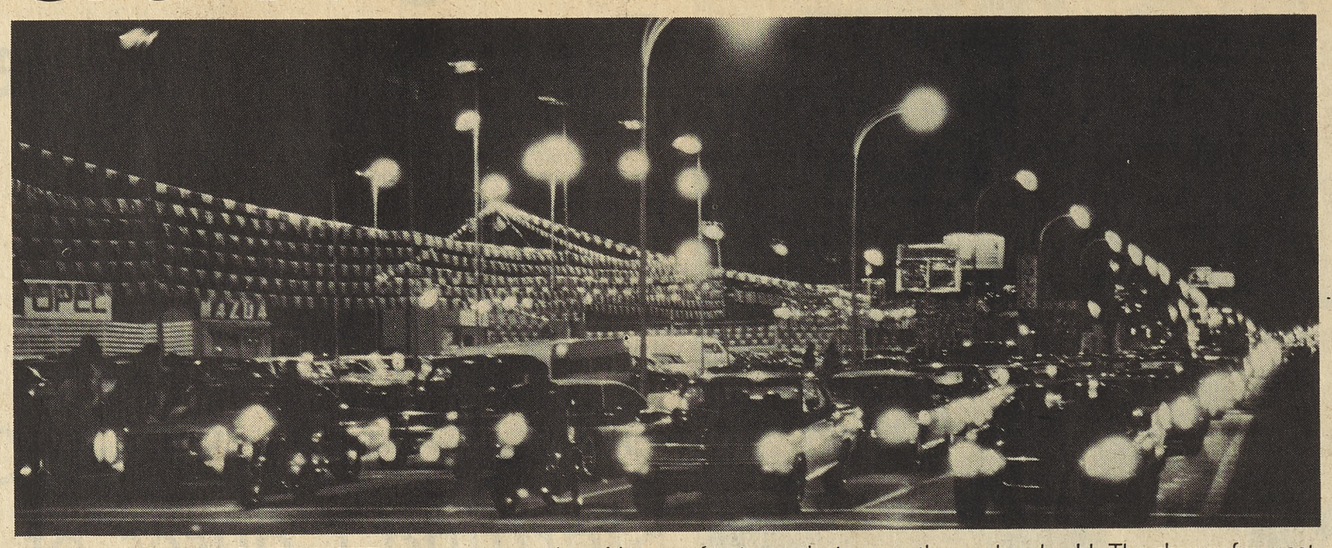
As the cars filed by people shouted out and some hung out the windows, trying to get attention. Not necessarily hers, just anybody's would do.

Cruisers Charged Up

But on this particular night the cruisers seemed a little more charged up than usual. Many displayed stickers or held signs urging people to "Cruise Cool."

It seems that the police department was going to post the street, make parking illegal from 8 p.m. until midnight, "not to harrass the cruisers," an officer said, "but to expidite the flow of traffic."

The plan wasn't viewed with much favor by the cruisers though,



WAITING FOR THE GREEN LIGHT to start a cruise down Van Nuys Boulevard, cars are backed up as far as the eye can see. The Wednesday night event, immortalized by Southern California youth, is more than a decade old. The chance for meeting new friends and having a good time has drawn participants from as far away as Indiana.

Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

IMPLORING fellow cruisers to be "cool," K-100 disc jockey Robert W. Morgan, (moustache and glasses) gets in the thick of things to promote the Wednesday night ritual along the street.

Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

and they maintained it was indeed harrassment.

Radio station K-100 agreed and Robert W. Morgan, charismatic and almost an institution himself, was on the street leading support and talking to members of the Associated Car Clubs of Van Nuys.

"I think cruising is a relatively harmless activity," Morgan said, "and the kids get some pleasure from it.

"They have a limited amount of funds with which to get their message across so the station decided to help them."

He crossed the street followed by an entourage of blue jacketed members of the car club and posed for some pictures.

"Everyone Cruise Cool" he said holding up a bumper sticker.

"You know the Associated Car Clubs of Van Nuys are sponsored by Van Nuys Division of the LAPD so what it boils down to is cops versus cops," Morgan said.

He went on to say that he had heard several car dealers were against the boulevard posting then moved off to a group milling about in front of a used car lot.

Although LAPD officials said they weren't going to harrass cruisers it seemed that a plethora of citations were being issued.

Lt. Bayen Lewis, a community relations officer who works closely with the car clubs, estimated that a below average number of citations would probably be issued between 8 p.m. and midnight.

"The usual number of citations averages 300, that is what we got last week," he said, "but tonight there will probably be less."

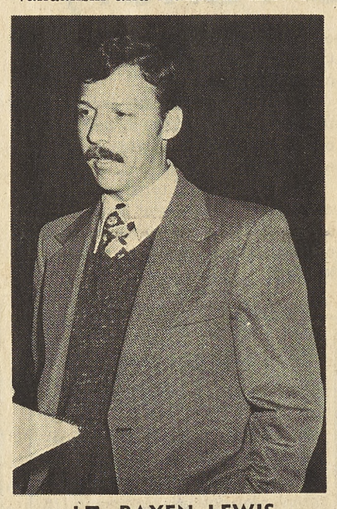
Street Patrolled

Bayen said the street is patrolled by an average of 18 motor officers — those on motorcycles — and eight cars.

"Those cars aren't assigned to the street," the lieutenant said, "and if they get a call outside the area they have to respond."

But the problem of posting the boulevard resembles an iceberg, with more substance underneath than on the surface.

"An off-shoot of cruising is the vandalism and malicious mischief



LT. BAYEN LEWIS
Community Relations Officer
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occuring along the boulevard on Wednesday night," Lewis said.

Although the cruisers aren't blamed outright, some of them do feel suspect.

John Vogel, president of the Van Nuys Car Club, thinks the police might be trying to close the street to cruising using the traffic flow and vandalism as an excuse.

Vandalism Occurs

"John sees a different side to the problem," Lewis said, "and he thinks most of the vandalism occurs after the cruisers go home but we (the police) get a tremendous amount of pressure from these people to take some action."

The cruisers and those that favor the boulevard's posting put Lewis in a binding position. He represents the community interest, but is also the liaison officer working with the car clubs.

Lewis is not a stranger to the boulevard, or is he insensitive to the cruisers problems.

"I used to come to the boulevard on Wednesday night myself," Lewis said, "but in those days it wasn't as big a thing.

"When the car clubs were real popular the members used to parade down the street according to club after their meetings broke up. Now everybody meets here."

In addition to his LAPD duties, Lewis attends Valley majoring in history.

"I plan to transfer to Pepperdine in the fall," he said, "and continue until I at least get a B.A."

As the night progressed he pointed out the areas where certain groups hung out. "With the number of people on the street we have surprisingly little trouble," he said.

One has to strain his voice to be heard over the constant rumbling of finely tuned engines idling in the stop and go traffic, and the smell of exhaust fumes numbs the nasal passages. Two strangers to the street walked along, straining to get a whiff of the tell-tale odor of marijuana, but if there was any, the scent was washed away by the exhaust.

"We don't have a great deal of trouble with drugs," the Lieutenant said, "but some of the kids do drink beer."

Siren Wails

Several times that evening a fire engine or ambulance, its siren wailing into the night, raced down the middle of the street, unhindered by the bumper to bumper traffic.

A young man was leaning up against his car after the throngs started thinning and his attitude typified that of a majority of cruisers.

"It's stupid, them wanting to close the street," he said, "but I guess they have nothing better to do.

"If they close it, we'll move to Sepulveda or another street and it will probably be the same thing all over again."

CAPTAIN SCRAMBLES
'Goodbye Cruise World'
Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

POSTSCRIPT

The no parking signs went up April 10 and from 8 p.m. on there weren't many cars parked along the street. But the cruisers returned, driving at a stop and go rate all night, no longer able to park and talk a while.

Atelier Gives Women Aid In College

The Center for New Directions is offering two one-hour sessions for returning women students on May 14 and 21 at 11 a.m.

"Conflicts, Needs, and Values" will focus on the needs and values involved in a woman's decision to return to college after many years spent in home-centered activiites. Ways to relate these to the inner and interpersonal conflicts that may arise as a result of this decision will also be discussed.

Leaders of the workshop to be held in the Cafeteria Conference room will be Lila Aurich, Anita Kremen, and Margaret Joehnck of the center and Marjorie Reed, counselor at Valley.

The sessions will be followed by informal discussions. Students who can stay for the discussions are advised to bring lunches. Coffee will be furnished.

For further information, call the center at 785-3955.

Bike Marathon Looks To Aid Blind Charity

Valley students and staff have the opportunity to sponsor John Cowles in the 40-mile "Bike for Light," organized by the West Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, this Saturday.

Cowles, a blind student at Valley, will ride in tandem with a sighted rider.

All the money collected will be used to provide scholarships and equipment for needy blind San Fernando Valley students in college.

Bruce Ullman, president of Rotoract which is in charge of obtaining sponsors at Valley, said, "He will probably ride the entire 40 miles because he did it last year."

Pledges can be made at a table in the Free Speech Area.

"Right now, we have about 50 sponsors," Ullman said, "but of course, we want all the sponsors we can get. If you pledge a nickel a mile, it only comes to $2."

The "Bike for Light" begins at 8 a.m. at the corner of Devonshire and DeSoto and ends at 5 p.m. at Roscoe and Topanga Canyon.

"Last year," Ullman said, "Valley pledged $650 which was one-third of the total. We hope to do much better this year."

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Today in most districts and states, candidates can't run for public office unless they are rich, or unless they are willing to put themselves under obligation to sources of funds. That isn't the kind of country we started out to be.

There are honest contributors who give out of conviction, and there are honest politicians who don't repay gifts with political favors. But let's face it: most large political gifts are made with the intent to buy influence, buy votes, buy politicians.

The first principle of free self-government is accountability of government to the citizen. Elections are the chief means through which citizens enforce that accountability. But if the winning candidate feels that his first obligation is to his big campaign donors, public accountability is destroyed.

Here are some of the necessary ingredients of reform.

1) There must be low ceilings on individual or committee gifts.

2) There must be limits on spending — although these must not be set too low or they will handicap challengers.

3) There must be full public disclosure of all gifts and expenditures. One of the most powerful forces for clean government ever discovered is the light of day.

4) There must be an independent enforcement commission with subpoena powers and the power to go to court. It is shocking but true that no federal campaign financing law has ever been seriously enforced by the Justice Department.

Many are now beginning to see that there is one further necessary ingredient if we are to have a responsible and competitive political system — namely, an element of public financing in campaigns.

Money for campaigns need not come totally and exclusively from public funds. The bill recently debated in the Senate permits a role for money from private sources, although it places a ceiling on the size of gifts. It encourages small private contributions by providing that they will be matched up to $100 each with public funds at the primary level.

No candidate in the primaries will receive any federal matched funds unless he or she has demonstrated the ability to raise small private gifts up to a specific threshhold amount. This will screen out frivolous candidates or candidates with no constituency.

There are legitimate questions as to the mechanics of public financing, but these questions can be dealt with. The real question is whether we intend to put behind us once and for all a system of campaign financing in which money can buy political outcomes.

There is much more to do. And the time to do it is now. The American people are tired of being bilked and manipulated. It's time to give this country back to its people. For additional information, write Common Cause, 2030 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Smith Sends Teammates 'Touch of Class'

By ED KASPER
Sports Editor

Dan Smith sent his Monarch baseball buddies a message Tuesday.

He delivered it on the mound during the seventh inning of a 5-4 victory over Pierce, and it might have read something like this had he taken the time to scribble it on paper: "Don't worry 'mates, 'cause I'm going to pitch this team right back where it belongs — first place."

He never bothered to write it down, either. Instead, the sleek left-handed freshman from El Camino High School let his fingers do the talking against the rival Brahmas, as he and teammate Robert Castillo turned in stellar performances which propelled the Monarchs into a four-way tie for first place in the Metropolitan Conference baseball race, a position they haven't been in since winning the first-half flag nearly a month ago.

Smith was pressed into service by Coach Ed Bush in the Pierce half of the seventh inning, and the situation he entered was one which only he was capable of handling — bases loaded and no outs.

After relieving teammate Stan DuBois, Smith was asked to get the slugging portion of the Pierce batting order — Jim Krug, Tim Timm, and Tracy Fikes — while baserunners Pat Smith, Steve Pocoroba, and Don Olsen stood ready to capitalize on his first mistake.

He never gave them that chance.

Instead, he scored his first hat-trick of the season in a Monarch uniform, getting Krug, Timm, and Fikes to hit short fly balls to left-fielder Ross Parker, denying the Brahmas scoring opportunities which could have easily vaulted them into the driver's seat.

And to show that his seventh inning spell was no fluke, he backed out of another bases-loaded, one-out situation in the bottom of the ninth after an easy pop-fly ball could have easily wrapped up the victory for the Monarchs.

"It was an excellent job for him to come in with the bases loaded and get those three straight fly balls," said Bush. "That was just outstanding."

"But he never should have been in the trouble he was in the ninth inning had we been able to get those two pop-ups," growled the Monarch skipper.

The win moves the Monarchs into a four-way tie for the second-half lead with El Camino, a 7-0 winner over Long Beach; Bakersfield, a 7-6 victor over Pasadena; and the Brahmas, and now surely establishes Bush's Fulton Avenue Gang as the circuit front-runners.

"We're where we should have been in the first place," said Bush, "and we're in much better shape now, too. Smith only went three innings against Pierce, so he'll be able to come back today against El Camino. Broomis (who was bothered with back problems in Tuesday's game) will have enough rest and should be strong, while Castillo is also getting stronger (following tendenitis in his right shoulder) and should be able to get back into that pitching rotation for us."

Castillo was well into the batting rotation against Pierce, as he drove in three runs with a double and his sixth homer of the season, upping his conference batting average to a healthy .436.

First-baseman Ralph Griffin also rapped three hits and drove in the remaining two runs.

The Monarchs will travel to Gardena this afternoon for a 2:30 p.m. game with El Camino. The Warriors were the early second-round leaders after two contests, having won a total of seven conference tilts in a row, but they started to "swoon" after the Easter vacation break and a nine-day lay-off, losing two in a row.

Following today's contest, the Monarchs will have four remaining conference games, three at home. Bakersfield will visit on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. while Long Beach will be hosted on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

BOX SCORE

Valley (5)	AB	R	H	Pierce (4)	AB	R	H
Harmatz, cf	4	1	2	Poc'roba, lf	3	1	1
Bolin, 2b	4	0	1	Palmer, ph	1	1	1
Parker, lf	5	2	2	Olson, 2b	5	0	2
Castillo, rf	4	2	3	Krug, cf	5	1	3
Griffin, 1b	4	0	3	Timm, dh, p	5	0	1
Mathis, 2b	2	0	0	Fikes, 1b	4	0	0
Snyder, 3b	4	0	1	Weston, rf	5	0	3
Lau, c	3	0	0	Kr'nb'rg'r, 3b	4	0	0
Rothford, dh	3	0	0	Reilly, ss	4	0	0
Broomis, p	0	0	0	Smith, c	4	1	2
Smith, p	1	0	0	Sites, p	0	0	0
DuBois, p	0	0	0	Batton, p	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	5	12	TOTALS	40	4	13

Score by Innings

Valley	300 002 000—5	12	2
Pierce	002 001 001—4	13	1

HR—Castillo (6). 3B—Olson. 2B—Weston (2), Palmer, Parker, Castillo, Griffin.

	IP	H	BB	SO
Broomis (W, 6-4)	5⅓	5	1	0
DuBois	⅔	4	1	1
Smith	3	4	1	2
Sites (L)	7	9	4	3
Batton	1	2	1	2
Timm	1	1	0	1

Ball Says Good-bye To Monarch Netters

By FRED CLAUDA
Staff Writer

As of April 19 the regular season ended on a sour note for the Valley netters with a loss to Pasadena, a team they had beaten previously.

Coach Alex Ball indicated that he wouldn't be back next year. His one-year stint ended on an unfortunate stroke of bad luck when Dave Resnick was declared ineligible.

Resnick's ineligibility was due to scholastic irregularities.

Valley's netters finish the year by participating in the Ojai Tournament this week and the Metro finals the following week.

Sophomores Jim Little, Bill Adams, Kerry Beeder, and Brett Scott, have served their last ace for the Monarchs this year.

Little, No. 1 player at Valley the last two years, has been awarded a scholarship to Nevada at Reno and will display his talents for them next year.

Valley will find it difficult to find a more congenial, gentlemanly fellow than Coach Ball.

"He was a great coach, and our poor record was not any of his doing," a member of the team said.

Golfers Dip to 0-8; Gillooly Cards 72

Coach Charlie Mann's Monarch golfers dropped their eighth straight Metropolitan Conference match last Monday, losing to undefeated El Camino, 47-7, on the Encino Golf Course links.

"We played very well individually," said Mann, "but as a team, they just blew the stuffiings out of us."

Valley's Jim Gillooly had his best round of the season, carding a fine 72 for the second best score of the afternoon.

The Monarchs will have their final tune-up for the Metropolitan Conference Finals on Monday when they face rival Pierce at the Calabasas Country Club.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

BASEBALL—Valley at El Camino, 2:30 p.m.
SWIMMING—So. Cal. Championships, Southwestern College
TENNIS—Valley at Ojai Tournament, Ojai

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

TRACK—Valley at Mt. SAC Relays, Mt. SAC, 9 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL—Metro Conference Tournament, El Camino
GOLF—Valley vs. Long Beach at Lakewood G.C., 1 p.m.
SWIMMING—So. Cal. Championships, Southwestern College
TENNIS—Valley at Ojai Tournament, Ojai

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

BASEBALL—Bakersfield at Valley, 1:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS — Individual and State Qualifying, Golden West, 7 p.m.
TENNIS—Valley at Ojai Tournament, Ojai
SWIMMING—So. Cal. Championships, Southwestern College

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

TENNIS—Valley at Ojai Tournament, Ojai

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Ggolf—Valley vs. Pierce at Calabassas C.C., 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

BASEBALL—Long Beach at Valley, 2:30 p.m.

HE'S A DANDY — Lefty Dan Smith turned in one of his strongest relief performances of the season Tuesday in preserving a 5-4 victory over Pierce. Coach Ed Bush will send the freshman whiz to the mound this afternoon when the Monarchs visit El Camino College in a 2:30 p.m. contest.

Valley Star Photo by Mark Malone

Fish Compete Today in So Cal

Swimmers Sixth in Finals

Pasadena City College outdistanced Pierce, 470-465½, to retain their Metropolitan Conference swim championship for the second consecutive year in last Saturday's league finals.

Jorge Delgado, the Lancer's Olympic butterfly flash, set two National Junior College records to highlight the finals.

The Monarchs finished last, but they continued to show the improvement that Coach Bill Krauss predicated all season.

"The way most of our swimmers came through was fantastic," said Krauss. "We actually beat Bakersfield and El Camino in the swimming events, but we finished behind them because we didn't have any divers."

Dave Estey and Rod Perdew paced the Monarchs with some fine individual efforts. Estey placed second in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:05.8 clocking behind Doug Donovan's 1:03.9. Donovan, from Pierce, copped two events in the finals.

Rod Perdew collected 23½ points for Coach Bill Krauss' tankers with a fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:05.8), a sixth in the 100 freestyle, and ninth in the 50 free.

Monarch Nelson Sweeney took a third in the 100 backstroke with a 59.9 to finish behind Pierce's Jeff Dederick (58.1). He added an eighth in the 200 backstroke (2:16.0).

Gary Leed's seventh in the 200 freestyle and eighth in the 100 freestyle, Tad Nelson's ninth in the 1,650 freestyle and 10th in the 200 freestyle, and Les Berney's 11th in the 1,650 were the top performances for Valley.

In the relay events, the Monarch medley team took fourth (3:59.0) and the 800 freestyle foursome clocked 7:46.0 to finish fourth and qualify for the state meet.

The Monarchs will compete today through Saturday in the Southern California Championships.

Estey and Sweeney will carry the flag for the Monarchs as the chief threats to advance to state competition.

Results:

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Bakersfield

500 FREE—Turner (Bakersfield), 4:54.0.
200 IND. MEDLEY—Delgado (PCC), 1:58.4.
50 FREE—Heather (PCC), 22.2.
400 MEDLEY RELAY—Pierce, 3:46.4.
400 IND. MEDLEY—Delgado (PCC), 4:10.2 (National JC record, old mark 4:12.4.).
200 FREE—Silvera (Pierce), 1:48.5.
100 FLY—Heather (PCC), 54.1.
100 BACK—Dederick (Pierce), 58.1.
100 BREAST—Donovan (Pierce), 1:03.9.
1 METER DIVING—Rothwell (Long Beach), 351.25.
800 FREE RELAY—PCC, 7:22.2.
1,650 FREE—Silvera (Pierce), 17:08.8.
100 FREE—Heather (PCC), 48.7.
200 BACK—Clark (Long Beach), 2:04.5.
200 BREAST—Donovan (Pierce), 2:20.0.
200 FLY—Delgado (PCC), 1:51.0 (National JC record, old mark 1:52.8.).
3 METER DIVING—Rothwell (Long Beach), 408.10.
400 FREE RELAY—PCC, 3:16.8.

FINAL TEAM SCORES—Pasadena 470; Pierce 465½; Long Beach 280; Bakersfield 210½; El Camino 207½; Valley 176½.

Patu, Thomas Spark Ladies To 8-5 Victory

The Monarch ladies softball team moved into a three-way tie for first place in their division on Monday afternoon, with a convincing 8-5 victory over El Camino at Laurel Plaza Park.

Pitcher Toni Patu and shortstop Charoltte "Charley" Thomas sparked the Monarchettes to their sixth win of the season against just three defeats to elevate the ladies into the company of conference leaders El Camino and Pierce.

Miss Thomas, who is quicker on the basepaths than Maury Wills, ripped a first inning home run to right field to ignite a four-run rally which offset an early 3-0 El Camino lead.

Some fine off-balance throws and flawless fielding by Miss Thomas and thirdbasewoman Toni Crawford kept the visiting Warriorettes in check the final three innings.

SHE'S A CUTIE — Valley's Toni Crawford makes a stab of a bounding ball during 8-5 ladies softball victory Monday. Women moved into tie for first place. Valley Star Photo

Volleyballers Take Second Place Prize

Behind the inspired play of John Bentley, Steve Rapoport, Tim Riley, and Tech Friedman, the Monarch netters defeated Pasadena, 3-1, last week to wind up the conference season with a second place finish behind Long Beach.

Coach Dick Clement's volleyballers will travel to El Camino tomorrow to play in the Metropolitan Conference Tournament.

The Monarchs are out to avenge their two losses to the Vikings and will try to improve on a 6-2 league mark.

Nash Runs 9.7 at Bakersfield

Sprint Relays Set For Mt. SAC Meet

By KENT WHITESEL
Sports Editor

Sparked by season-long strength in the sprints, the Monarch track team of co-coaches Nick Giovinazzo and George Ker will compete in the Mt. San Antonio College Relays tomorrow morning.

Injuries have kept the flashy foursome of Mike Maye, Greg Groves, Jeff Leeds, and Charles Nash on the injury list and in the whirlpool all season.

Bakersfield Relays

Mesa of Arizona College dominated the field at the relays, showing strength comparable of powerful four-year schools.

Results: (Metropolitan Conference marks are bold-faced.).

BAKERSFIELD INVITATIONAL
At Bakersfield College

RELAYS:
440—Mesa, Ariz., 40.8; West LA, 41.1; Southwest LA, 41.2.
880 — Southwest LA, 1:25.7; Harbor, 1:26.2; Mesa, Ariz., 1:26.4; **Long Beach, 1:27.1.**
MILE—Southwest LA, 3:10.5; Harbor, 3:11.5; LACC, 3:13.4; Laney, 3:13.4; Mt. San Antonio, 3:15.4.
SPRINT MEDLEY—Laney, 3:24.2; Trade-Tech, 3:24.9; West LA, 3:29.5; **Bakersfield, 3:29.7.**
DISTANCE MEDLEY — Mesa, Ariz., 10:09.8; Fullerton, 10:13.2; **Pierce, 10:13.8;** Cerritos, 10:17.2.
INDIVIDUAL:
100—McCullin (Mesa, Ariz.), 9.5; **Nash (Valley), 9.7;** Jackson (Moorpark), 9.8.
440 INT.—Steele (Glendale), 53.3; Voniderstein (Fullerton), 53.5; Fisher (Harbor), 54.1; Hall (LACC), 54.2; Roesky (De Anza), 54.6.
THREE-MILE—Hillebrand (Moorpark), 14:04.0; **Marshall (El Camino), 14:05.4;** Brooks (San Jose), 14:14.2; **Walsh (El Camino), 14:24.2.**
HIGH JUMP—DeLouch (Mesa, Ariz.), 6-10¼; Madau (Fullerton), 6-8; Williams (Mesa, Ariz.), 6-8; Hill (LACC), 6-8; Miller (Mt. San Antonio), 6-6; Goske(Solano), 6-6.
POLE VAULT—Meyers (Mesa, Ariz.), 15-6; Johnson (Glendale), 15-6; Herman (Mesa, Ariz.), 15-0; Garcia (Glendale), 15-0; Black (LACC), 14-6.
TRIPLE JUMP—Carpenter (Mesa, Ariz.), 49-8½; Porter (Foothill), 49-0½; Scott (Mt. San Antonio), 48-4½; Wells (San Francisco), 48-1½.
DISCUS—Weeks (Mesa, Ariz.), 179-6; Semkiw (Mesa, Ariz.), 179-0; Puskin (Foothill), 166-11; Sizemore (San Jose), 160-1; Brown (Cypress), 159-7.
SHOT PUT—Semkiw (Mesa, Ariz.), 61-3½; Weeks (Mesa, Ariz.), 55-01½; **Nomis (Pierce), 53-11½;** Murphy (Fullerton), 53-1½; **Muxlow (Bakersfield,)** 52-9.

In the last issue of Star, a photo of the Pierce vs. Valley track meet contained an error. The runner identified as Ted Jones, labeled No.3 in the photo, was an incorrect identification.

Matmen in Top Shape; Ready For Qualifying

Now in probably their best condition of the season, Coach Ted Calderone's Monarch gymnastics team will travel to Long Beach City College Saturday evening for the state-qualifying meet. Starting time is 7 p.m.

The top seven finishers in each event will get the nod for the state championships next week at Golden West College.

Long Beach and Pasadena, the only two schools to hang defeats on the Monarchs (7-2) this season, will be heavy favorites to lead in the qualifying.

The Monarchs will rely heavily on the performances of point-getter Gary Wallace to make their visit a profitable one.

Last week, in a 147.91-122.70 victory over East Los Angeles College, Wallace was a fixture in the winner's circle, winning four events; the rings (8.5), long horse (8.6), high bar (8.8), and the all-around with a 46.65 total (7.81 average).

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Ghost Haunts Mainstage, Causes Eerie Phenomena

By GREGORY J. WILCOX
Editor-in-Chief

The crew was busily working on the set of an upcoming Theater Arts production when a curtain moored high above the stage mysteriously broke loose and fell, striking Ned Gill, one of the workers, on the back of the neck. Gill fell to the floor from the force of the blow but wasn't seriously hurt.

Some blamed the ghost for the accident.

Nobody knows for sure just whose ghost it is, though many believe it belongs to a former member of the department.

Nor is Gill's encounter with the unexplained tenant an isolated incident.

Parkin Relates Happenings

Peter Parkin, an instructor in the department, remembers strange happenings as far back as 1963 when he was a student.

"I didn't tell anybody about the occurrences at the time," Parkin said, leaning back in a seat and gazing up at the stage, "because I didn't think anybody would believe me.

"It wasn't until after I had left Valley that I heard about the ghost from others who had been in the department."

Parkin said some of the weird goings-on were the sound of a woman walking across the stage in high heels, a cold spot on the stage and fire bells going off during the night while other campus buildings remained quiet.

"The cold spot could result from fire doors in the roof," he said, "but I can't explain the rest of the occurrences."

Ghost Works Lights

During a rehearsal for "You Can't Take It With You," Parkin said the ghost decided to work the lights.

"I was standing next to the control board patch panel and watched the lights fade and then come up," he said, "and when we checked for shorts in the circuits we couldn't find any."

Debbie Barbarick speaks softly when she talks of the supernatural. She said she has been to a coven, a gathering of 13 witches, and has tried to get a medium to come to the theater to make contact with the ghost.

"Most mediums wouldn't think of coming to a haunted theater," she said wrapping her arms around her in a seemingly needless defensive gesture.

Her voice dropped even lower and she had to bend to her listener while relating another surrealistic happening.

Basket Falls

"One night during rehearsal Jeff Reese walked to stage left," she said, "and a basket that was tied above him fell and almost hit him."

Parkin said that he doubted it was an accident because the ropes and cables controlling those props have breaks on them that require a substantial effort to release.

Ms. Barbarick slumped back in her chair and sighed. She looked up a spiral staircase leading nowhere and said, "This place is really spooky at night. I don't like to come here alone."

During a performance of "Man of La Mancha," Ben Sprecher was in the control room working the lights when he heard something weird.

"There is a blower room at the end of the hall," he said, "but nobody ever goes in there. Well, one night I heard someone open the door, walk down the stairs, come back up and go back into the room.

"When I went down to check it out, there was no one there."

Haunting Deserved

If a building on Valley's campus deserves to be haunted, it is the Mainstage Theater. Even on a bright, spring day with all the doors open, the interior of the theater is murky and filled with opaque light. The vapid brown walls reflect more than the building's actual number of years and the seat cushions are well worn and faded.

"There have been several seances here," Ms. Barbarick said, "and some people have used a Ouji Board on the stage."

The Ouji Board, she said, is used to contact a lower form of supernatural entities, with mediums used to make contact with higher forms. "I did some research on ghosts once and found they don't hurt people right out, but cause people to hurt themselves."

A shaft of afternoon sun leaked through an open door and bounced a dull reflection off the hoary floor, adding to the unsettling atmosphere of a place possessed.

Not all of the suspicious instances involve students and teachers. The night janitor, George Baude, has had some run-ins with the evanescent ghost.

"George was working one night," Ms. Barbarick said, "when someone called his name, then tapped him on the shoulder. When George turned around, there was nobody there."

But she said that Baude doesn't mind the ghost. "He just lives with it."

Weird Happenings Increase

Parkin said that the mysterious happenings have increased in recent weeks while the stage is being set for another play.

"We came to rehearsal one night and I happened to look up at the tower and the guide wires holding it up had been disconnected," Parkin said. "If we had not noticed, someone could have been hurt.

"Another night a piano bench used as a coffee table mysteriously turned up in the Horseshoe Theater, and no one knows how it got there."

These instances, along with Gill's and Reese's mishaps, point to something strange, but the cast and crew cannot offer an explanation, except the ghost theory.

Oh, the name of the play they are preparing for.

Well, it's called "The Haunting of Hill House" and it's about this house and a ghost and . . .

SOMEWHERE IN THE GLOOM of the Mainstage Theater lurks a ghost some claim is responsible for strange happenings to those working on the stage. Its presence is felt as a cold spot on the stage or a mysterious tap on the shoulder.

Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

Art Exhibit Displays Ad Design, Pop Art

By NORMA WISMER
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

Behind the doors of Room 107 of the Art Buiding lurk strange and mysterious forces. The Devil himself is at work, his fiery breath spewing forth to change anything in its way to hard stone as cold as the corridors of hell.

Or, so thought the Chinese, anyway, of the huge kilns that, at 2,380 degrees Farenheit, change soft clay into hard material by drying the water from the clay molecules.

Dale Fulkerson, associate professor of art, was found near the kilns, experimenting with glaze formulas to try to eliminate problems in them.

Gods Control Kiln

"The Chinese had the superstition that something mystical was controlling the firing of the kilns," Fulkerson said. "The Chinese wouldn't let women speak around them for fear of the pottery turning out bad."

Pointing to various small clay animals sitting on top of the kilns, such as elephants, dinosaurs, dogs, tadpoles, etc., Fulkerson said, "Anywhere you find kilns you will find these little gods who the Chinese believed were controlling them."

Many of the artifacts in the kilns will be displayed at the 25th Annual Student Art Exhibit, which will be in two parts this year.

The first display will be the Evening Student Exhibit and will run April 29 through May 9. The second will be the Day Student Exhibit, running May 20 through May 30.

Two Shows Created

"We used to have one show at the end of the semester," Fulkerson said, "but this was rushing people. This way, we have time in between exhibits to set up."

Fulkerson said that the works displayed were selected through various classes.

"The teachers were the judges. They selected the best works of what they thought was an example of what is being done in their class," Fulkerson said.

"It's interesting," Fulkerson continued, "as it gives other students an opportunity to see what's being done in the classes. For instance, the lettering class sounds boring, but it can turn out to be very interesting.

"A unique feature of the exhibit will be a pop art display," Fulkerson said, pointing to a giant M & M candy bag against the wall and a huge Baskin-Robbins chocolate sundae in one corner.

In another room, many portfolios waited patiently on a tabletop to be judged for an art scholarship.

"There will be about eight scholarships this year," Fulkerson said. "The scholarships are funded through donations from the Art Club. A few of these pieces will be in the show."

Also on display will be samples of advertising design, drawings, paintings, three-dimensional designs, sculpture, jewelry, and textiles.

Fulkerson hopes that this year, as in past ones, the gods of the kilns will smile favorably on the exhibit.

Mancini Trumpeter With Butane Group In Concert Today

Bud Brisbois, "Mancini Generation" lead trumpeter, and his group, Butane, highlight this week's Campus Concert in Monarch Hall at 11 a.m. today.

Original contemporary music will be sung and played by Brisbois and the 12-piece band, whose members are top-quality Hollywood studio players.

Brisbois, a trumpeter since he was 12, is a former member of the Stan Kenton Orchestra. Recording as a high register artist, he has been featured with such big names as Stan Kenton, Billy May, The Jackson Five, and Joey Heatherton.

"He's the greatest high range trumpeter today, much like Maynard Ferguson was a few years ago," said Theodore Lynn, assistant professor of music.

Educated locally and a resident of Reseda, Brisbois is currently a studio musician for recording orchestras. He has also written two well-received books on high-register development, "Trumpet Today" and "Trumpet Today Jazz Duets."

Films Describe Conditions of Death, War; Told From Existentialist Viewpoint

Two films exploring the how's and why's of war and death will be shown in Monarch Hall April 26 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $1 or free with a paid ID.

"The Battleship Potemkin," directed by Sergei Eisenstein, has been hailed as the greatest motion picture of all times. The silent movie, made in 1925, depicts a dramatic representation of the 1905 mutiny of the Russian battleship Potemkin. It also contains the classic scene of 200 Russians being shot down by Cossacks on the Odessa Steps.

Viewing death from the existentialist point of view, "The Stranger," by Luchino Visconti, is a very faithful interpretation of the novel by Albert Camus.

Starring Marcello Mastroianni and Anna Karina, the movie tells the story of a Frenchman in Algiers who kills an Arab and is sentenced to death.

"Stranger," said Mark Van Proyen, commissioner of fine arts, "hasn't been seen in the Los Angeles area for quite some time." Van Proyen arranged for the films to be brought on campus.

"The movie is in a documentary style," Van Proyen said. "We also brought 'Potemkin' on campus because it's probably the greatest film ever made."

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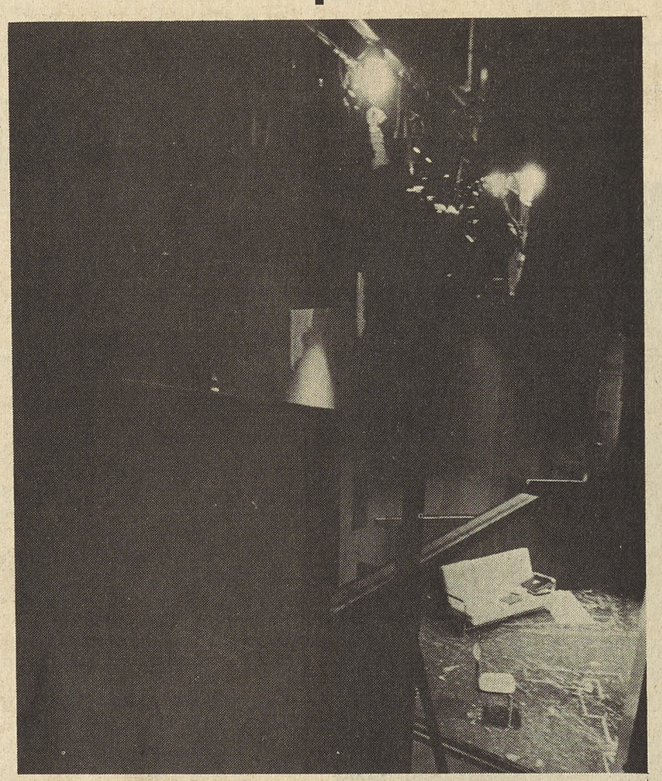
The above accolades are just a few accorded by major newspapers to the Ballet Folklorico Mexicano, appearing at Valley April 30 in Monarch Hall at 11 a.m. Admission is free.

Sponsored by Chicano Cultural Week, the program will feature the culture of Mexico in the form of music, dances, songs, and traditions.

Strange Bedfellows

'Noon' Spoofs Sexual Mores



PHILLIP DEBS, playing a homosexual, is about to be scared off by Carol Bierle in scene from "Noon."

Valley Star Photo by Ken Hively

The fad that started off with streaking has finally led to a full-fledged orgy. The event will occur Thursday in TA101 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. when Valley's Lab Theater presents "Noon," a play written by Terrence McNally.

The play is about Dale, a practical joker who answers underground ads in the "Sex Press" and makes appointments to meet the people involved at noon in his flat. However, Dale is late, and the story revolves around the characters left in his apartment; these include a homosexual, a sadistic couple, a romantic author, and a bored housewife.

Done in "theater in the round," the play is "presented in orgiastic fashion with no holds barred," said its student-director Jack Catran. Directing his first play at Valley, Catran is a retired experimental psychologist with theatrical background.

Included in the cast are some newcomers to the Theater Arts Department. They are Phillip Debs as Asher (whose professional experience includes a three-year tour with the company of "Hair"), Carol Bierle as Allegra, and Eric Goldberg as Cecil.

Other members of the cast include Joe Cruz as Kerry and Sandi McTaggart as Beryl.

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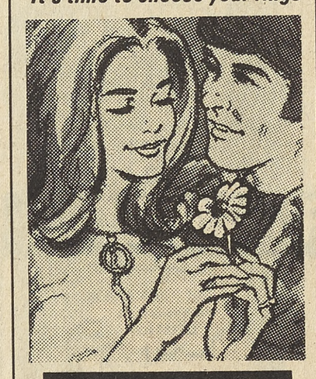

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Bawdy Adventure Reigns

By MICHAEL A. PALLADINO
Fine Arts Editor

"This fine gentleman is much closer to winning the $5 prize than any of you because he is at least making the attempt."

The "fine gentleman" was attempting to climb a rope ladder pivoted at the top and bottom. If he reached the top and honked a horn without spinning off, he won the money.

He was making this attempt at the 12th Annual Renaissance Faire held at the old Paramount Ranch in the wilds of Agoura.

Faire Presents Adventure

The faire is an adventure, both in entertainment and in crafts. And, as in any good adventure, it won't come to you, you have to go out and experience it.

Many people who attend the faire and don't enjoy it expect a passive 20th century day of sightseeing, when the faire is an authentic re-creation of the bawdy, lusty English Renaissance.

Beggars, jugglers, magicians, royalty, palmists, and astronomers abound. Two kissing wenches are available for 25 cents each.

Cost Covers Entertainment

The faire operates weekends through May 26 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Admission is $3.75. The cost pays mainly for the entertainment.

"The theaters are the best thing at the faire," said Leslie Tobin, production assistant. "There are five small stages and a main stage. Besides that, there is a lot of street comedy.

"Actors were considered very low class. They would pull up in their wagon, drop the sides, and do the performance. Then people would throw them money, and they would ride out of town."

At the faire this feeling is created in the Commedia Wagon Stage, located just off High Road.

The Call o' the Faire at noon and the Queen's Progresse at 3 p.m. involve parades around the fairgrounds and a mock pageant in the Maybower Theater.

People Participate in Shows

"People in the Renaissance Period," Ms. Tobin said, "really participated in the theater. If they didn't like a show, they would get up and leave. These days we feel compelled to sit through an entire production, almost without exception. We hope that people who come to the faire will get into the spirit of things."

"Every year," Ms. Tobin said, "we refine the faire and really work on the historical aspects. One person wanted to get rid of all music by Bach, because it wasn't historically accurate."

The faire began, humbly enough, in Topanga Canyon. Phyllis and Ron Patterson, the creators, now head Theme Events, Ltd., a committee which not only sponsors the faire and a Dicken's Christmas Faire, but also assists cities with bicentennial celebrations and state parks with utilization of their historic resources.

Kids Love Faire

"Kids love the faire," Ms. Tobin said, "because it makes history come alive. Schools will often submit a Renaissance project to us they have done, and we let them into the faire for free."

Although some of the entertainment generates from college and high school theater arts departments, many of the 1,500 entertainers are paid. Plays and musical entertainment runs all day in all six of the stages.

Other participative theater involves street games. Twielzie Wop, a combatant game where two people attempt to knock each other from logs with duffle bags full of rags, provides an excellent source of painless tension release.

Ye Royale Muggins School will teach juggling for $1.50 a lesson. A round of fencing costs 50 cents. In the Celestial Bag Toss, a person can win a bean bag emblazoned with their Zodiac sign.

Food Goes International

Even though the food originates from the English Renaissance, it possesses a very international flavor at the faire. Russian piroshki (meat pies) and baklava (nut and honey pastry), Greek food, crepes, roasted chicken and beef, potatos, fruit ices, and artichokes are sold from booths.

However, beware of the falafel, a highly spiced Jewish mealball. Despite its tastiness, it knows when it enters a Gentile stomach and declares a Seven Day War.

BEGGARS, THIEVES abound at The Renaissance Faire, running weekends through May 26.

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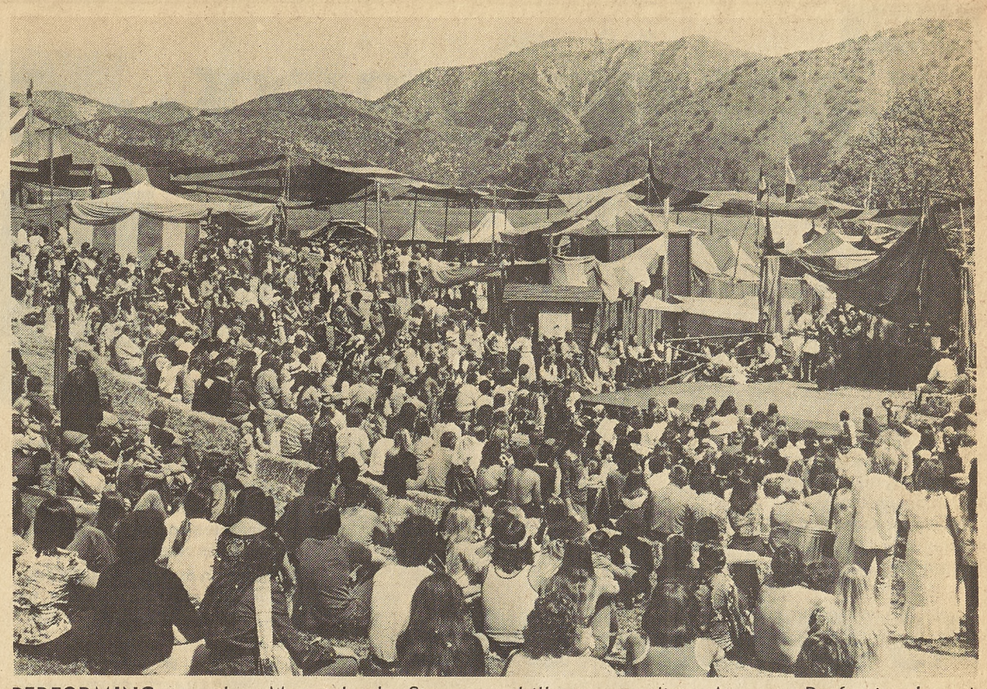

PERFORMING on the Mountebank Stage, dancers entertain crowds seated on bales of hay. The Renaissance Faire is nestled into the hills surrounding Agoura. Professional and college performers filled the theaters. All shows are included in the price of admission.

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CONDUCTING A MUGGINS SCHOOL for neophyte jugglers, Metz Gertz demonstrates the principles of eye-hand coordination.

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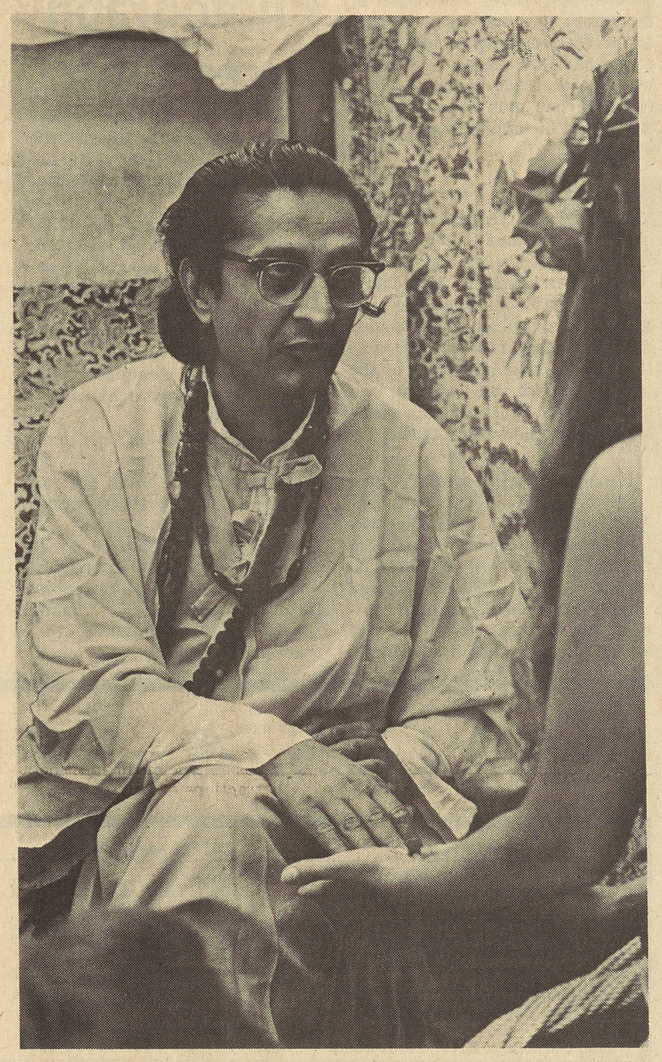

PALMISTS AND PUPPETEERS entertain at the faire. Approximately 1500 entertainers participate in the Renaissance Faire, including palmist Stya Singh, sixth year participant, and a strolling Punchinello show. Other street events include a parade by the Queen, played for the eighth year by Jullie Meredith. Stage shows are presented continually on one of six outdoor stages.

Valley Star Photos by Jim Kawata

Voight Breaks Image Barrier, Emerges Fresh in 'Conrack'

By NINA GORDON
Staff Writer

Jon Voight of "Midnight Cowboy" and "Deliverance" has finally broken through the typecasting barrier and has emerged fresher and better than ever. Superb in the title role of "Conrack," the movie gives Voight his first chance to really "let loose" and show the audience what a strong, versatile actor he is.

Adapted from Pat Conroy's book, "The Water Is Wide," "Conrack" is about a spirited and rebellious young teacher hired to teach a group of "slow" Black children on an island across the river from South Carolina near Savannah, Ga.

Upon his first day of teaching in the dilipidated two-room schoolhouse, Conroy (the children nicknamed him Conrack because they couldn't pronounce his name) is appalled to discover how ignorant the children were about the simplest matters. Of the 18 students in his fifth grade class, nobody knew what country they lived in or who the President was. In addition, seven didn't know the alphabet, three couldn't spell their own names, and four couldn't add.

The problem is compounded and perpetuated by Mrs. Scott, the school's Black principal, competently played by Madge Sinclair. She is a bitter, rigid woman who has intimidated, degraded, and beaten the children into a total state of passivity in her determination to repress them.

Hating her own people, she finds life easier when "you please the man." In this case, it is the despicable school superintendent, well portrayed by Hume Cronyn. Together they are the brick wall that "Conrack" is constantly crashing into and is eventually crushed by, but he refuses to let that be an obstacle until he is eventually fired.

Skillfully directed by Martin Ritt and beautifully photographed by John Alonzo, "Conrack" has a pictorial quality. Voight's moving portrayal adds to the picture's sensitivity.

Although the picture ends on an unhappy, dramatic note with Voight leaving the children at the docks, "Conrack" is not a sad movie. It simply leaves us with an increased awareness of our society, just as Conrack left the children with some dim awareness of their own environment.

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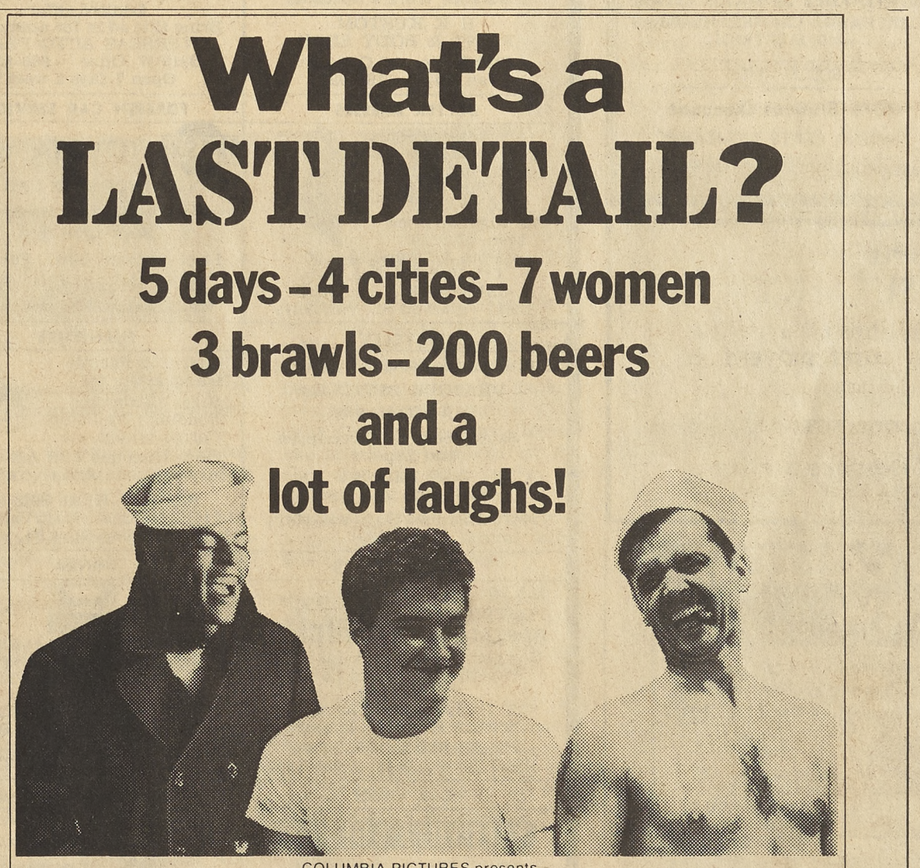
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Food Drive Set for Charity

By RANDY VENVERLOH
Club Editor

Canned food is being requested today and tomorrow at the NEWMAN CLUB'S canned food drive. Money for food may be contributed to one's favorite organization for the needy. Either food or money can be brought to St. Jane Frances Catholic Church, 13001 Victory Blvd. in North Hollywood, according to the club.

Perishable goods are discouraged. These include fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, and other food which spoils easily.

Everyone is invited to contribute to the drive, which will be at the flagpole in Monarch Square from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information, please call Ron Smith, president, at 994-9240, or Pat Herrick, vice-president, after 5:30 p.m. daily.

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MECHA, the Mexican-American students' organization, is having a dance in the Men's Gym tomorrow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is $1.50; funds will support scholarships and community activities, according to the club. The dance will feature "Cafe" and "Full Tilt Boogie Band."

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The VALLEY COLLEGE REPUBLICANS will meet on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in CC204 to discuss

RANDY VENVERLOH
Club Editor

the recent California College Republican Convention held in Sacramento. Darryl DeMos, the club's new chairman, and Steve Alexander, chairman of the Valley College delegation to that convention, will review its results.

Information on the VALLEY REPUBLICANS may be obtained by caling DeMos at 763-1021 or 655-8010.

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The ROTARACT CLUB urges everyone to make a pledge of money to club members who are riding in the 40-mile Bike-A-Thon of the West Valley Federation of the Blind. The club representative to the Inter-Organizational Council stated at the April 4 IOC meeting that the funds from the bike ride will help buy equipment for the blind, including Braille typewriters.

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A new club, the RETURNING STUDENTS ORGANIZATION, has been established at Valley. All students interested in joining it should consult Alex Hampton, IOC chairman, in CC102 or attend the next IOC meeting, which is scheduled for noon today in CC104. Information for the time and place of the club's meetings will be given, and the club will later receive a sponsor and elect its first officers.

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Dancing, singing, poetry, and stage plays will highlight Latin-American Culture Week, according to Sonia Alfonso and the LATIN-AMERICAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION. Ms. Alfonso said that LASO is co-sponsoring Latin-American Culture Week along with MECHA from Monday through Friday next week, April 29-May 3. Admission is free, and the activities will occur at different hours throughout the day on each day. LASO and MECHA say, "Get a taste of some Latin culture and soul!"

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The YOUNG DEMOCRATS encourage all students to hear Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti in Monarch Hall on Wednesday, May 8, at 11 a.m. On the same day, two organizations, the labor giant AFL-CIO and the group Common Cause, will debate Proposition 9 (the campaign reform proposal supported by the latter) at 10 a.m., also in Monarch Hall. The first event of the day at 9 a.m. will bring Democratic candidates for the 40th Assembly District seat.

The DEMOCRATS, according to Debbie Tuller, president, urge everyone to vote and participate in the primarly election.

AS Officers Offer Convention Report

By JUDY KAPLAN
Staff Writer

Opening up the meeting of the Interorganization Council (IOC) was the announcement from Alex Hampton, chairman, that Commissioner of Campus Improvement David Churchill and himself attended the California Community College Student Government Association convention the weekend prior to the meeting .

They attended to try and get support for a bill which would provide funds for child care and veteran's benefits. This convention enabled the students to lobby with state senators.

"It could be a very formidable lobby group," said Hampton. "The southern area was not well represented at this convention," he said.

Following Hampton's announcement was an announcement from Vince Albnigo, of the Newman Club, to bring attention to IOC the non-attendance of some clubs in the council. "Action should be taken against them," he said.

It was decided upon to put this order of business on the agenda for next week's meeting.

In committee reports, Peggy Frank, chairman of the teacher evaluation committee, said that there was a very nice turnout at the first orientation meeting to prepare the students helping in the evaluation. There will be another orientation meeting today at 11 a.m. in P100.

"Our profits from the Patron's Bin on Ethel Avenue and Oxnard Street will foot a lot of the fund for the teacher evaluaation," she said.

"We want students to volunteer from each class to do the teacher evaluaation in that class," said Marc Shulman, co-chairman of the teacher evaluation committee.

In the last order of business, Hampton told the councill that People's Lobby has been revived and Shulman will be the representative. Shulman resigned from his prior post as TAE alternate.

Photography Paces OES

Photography will be explored Tuesday at 11 a.m. in BSc100 when Jerry Mogalian speaks as the next guest of the Occupational Exploration Series.

Mogalian, manager of White's Studios, became interested in photography at the age of 13 and taught himself the skills. After two years, at 15, he got a part-time job at a photography studio. Later, when he was in the service, he continued to practice photography, and afterward he came to White's Studios.

He specializes in portrait photographs. Mogalian photographs wedding pictures, bridal portraits, high school annual photographs, and others featuring people.

The OES is sponsored by the Placement Office and is under the direction of Dr. Dallas Livingston-Little. A list of the remaining speakers may be obtained at the Placement Office.

Community Worker Tells How Low Income Students Prosper

By RANDY VENVERLOH
Club Editor

Choosing the proper training school and working as an intern resident or other medical assistant is highly essential to gain a doctor's position or other medical position, according to a well-trained guidance counselor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Twyla Theresa Stewart, who is an English major and community worker but who has done extensive research into health science entrance requirements, explained how her years of work have shown her what colleges best train students, especially minority students, for careers in the medical field.

Speaking in BSc100 Tuesday as the guest of the Occupational Exploration Series, Mrs. Stewart is assistant director of the Academic Advancement Program at UCLA and is adviser for campus relations there. She has also worked on community service programs such as Project Upward Bound, Teen Opportunities Program, and High Potential, all at UCLA. As a counselor she has researched entrance requirements to various schools, and she has assisted qualified low income students in gaining admission to universities with large tuitions.

Mrs. Stewart stated that a shortage of doctors and paramedical assistants existed. She then gave some statistics of the situation in New York City.

"In New York City, there is only one doctor for every 200 persons who are white," she pointed out. "The ratio is worse with the minority patients. There is only on Black doctor for every 12,000 Black persons. So you can see why you could not be filling a greater need than this."

Sincerity and enthusiasm must show through, Mrs. Stewart said. A successful doctor must also keep a good appearance and be willing to work at any hour of the day or night; this is especially true of physicians in rural districts who are called upon to make house calls, she said.

Laboratory assistants are highly important because they free a doctor to give more time to his or her patients, the counselor continued. "This includes close contact with your colleagues and not much association with patients," Mrs. Stewart pointed out about lab work, "but it still makes great demands on the person." She added that it also required much dedication.

Setting a specific goal in the medical world ranks high in priority with Mrs. Stewart. "Start now," she advised, "and consider whether you wish to be in a pharmacy, hospital, laboratory, or private office as a practitioner. Preplanning is necessary."

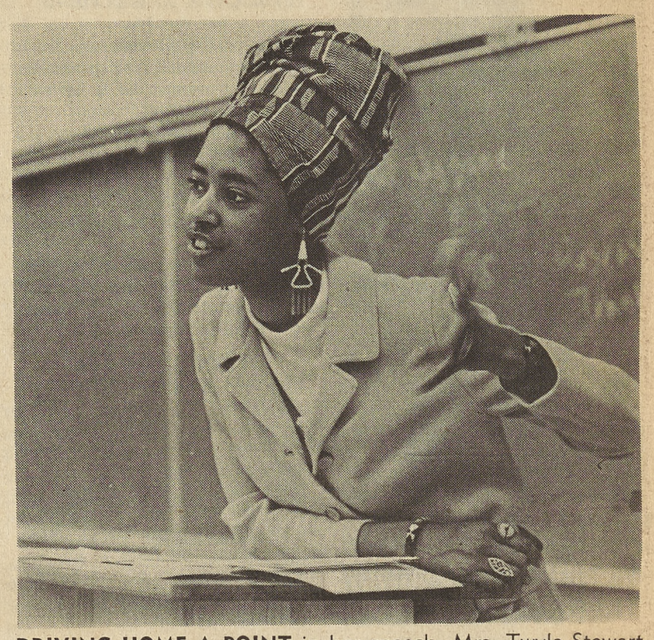
Schools of dentistry and nursing are medical categories which are tough to enter, Mrs. Stewart explained. "At one college they received 600 applications for 70 places."

A new doctor can expect $6,000-$10,000 annually to start, she said, and emphasized that one may work 45-50 hours and more in this occupation. To perservre, she pointed out, demands great dedicaation to high standards.

One must also maintain his or her own good physical condition in order to keep p with the strenuous pace of the job, according to Mrs. Stewart.

Project '75 tries to help minority students and low income students reach universities financially with the help of scholarships and grants, said Mrs. Stewart, in addition to offering them guidance and advice.

Optometry requires two years of college followed by four years of training in an accredited school of optometry, she said in response to a question. She also stated that a prospective optometrist must pass a state board examination before receiving a license to be a practitioner.



DRIVING HOME A POINT in her speech, Mrs. Twyla Stewart, assistant director of the Academics Advancement at UCLA, gave students a clear idea of the opportunities available for low income students.

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